

SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of) Arizona Supreme Court
) No. JC-18-0001
HONORABLE LEE F. JANTZEN,)
Mohave Superior Court,) Commission on Judicial
Mohave County,) Conduct
State of Arizona,) No. 17-232
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Respondent.) **FILED 06/15/2018**
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O R D E R

This matter having come before the Commission on Judicial Conduct, it having duly rendered and filed its recommendation, and all applicable rights to object to or petition for modification of the recommendation having been waived by Respondent, and the Court having no further responsibility for review pursuant to Rule 29(g) of the Rules of Procedure of the Commission on Judicial Conduct,

IT IS ORDERED that Judge Lee F. Jantzen is hereby censured for violations of the Code of Judicial Conduct as set forth in the Stipulated Resolution, which is attached hereto.

DATED this 15th day of June, 2018.

_____/s/_____
Janet Johnson
Clerk of the Court

TO:
Hon. Lee Frank Jantzen
April Phillips Elliott
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Hon. Louis Frank Dominguez
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Inquiry concerning)	
)	Case No. 17-232
Judge Lee F. Jantzen)	
Mohave County Superior Court)	ORDER APPROVING
State of Arizona,)	STIPULATED RESOLUTION AND
)	RECOMMENDATION TO
Respondent)	SUPREME COURT FOR
)	CENSURE

On May 10, 2018, the Commission on Judicial Conduct (“Commission”) filed a Statement of Charges against Judge Lee F. Jantzen (“Respondent”) following an investigative panel’s finding of reasonable cause to believe grounds for discipline existed that could not be resolved through dismissal or informal sanctions. Contemporaneously, the Commission chair appointed an eight member hearing panel, and designated himself as presiding member of the hearing panel to conduct a hearing and recommend a proper disposition of the charges to the Arizona Supreme Court.

On May 17, 2018, Respondent and Disciplinary Counsel submitted a Stipulated Resolution (“Resolution”) in which Respondent has agreed to a public censure for misconduct in office, and waived his right to file a Response to the Statement of Charges pursuant to Commission Rule 25(A). As part of the Resolution, the parties have waived their right to file any objections to the agreement or to the

censure before the Commission and the Arizona Supreme Court.

Having fully considered the Resolution within the context of Commission Rule 30(b), the hearing panel, by unanimous vote, approves the Resolution and recommends to the Arizona Supreme Court that Respondent be censured publicly for the rule violations as set forth therein.

Approved and signed this 7th day of June, 2018.

/s/ Louis Frank Dominguez
Hon. Louis Frank Dominguez
Presiding Member of the Hearing Panel

Copies of this document were sent electronically
this 7th day of June, 2018, to:

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Inquiry concerning)	
)	Case No. 17-232
Judge Lee F. Jantzen)	
Mohave County Superior Court)	STIPULATED RESOLUTION
State of Arizona)	FOR PURPOSES OF
)	DISCIPLINE BY CONSENT
Respondent)	
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Pursuant to Commission Rule 30, Disciplinary Counsel for the Commission on Judicial Conduct, April P. Elliott, and Respondent Judge Lee F. Jantzen (hereafter Respondent), hereby submit the following proposed resolution of this case.

JURISDICTION

1. The Commission on Judicial Conduct (hereafter Commission) has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to Article 6.1, § 4 of the Arizona Constitution and the Rules of the Commission.

2. Respondent served as a superior court commissioner from 2007 – 2009, and has served as a superior court judge in Mohave County since 2009, and continues to hold that position. He was serving in his capacity as a judge at all times relevant to these allegations.

3. As a judge, Respondent is subject to the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct (effective 09/01/09, last amended 11/24/09) (Code) as set forth in Arizona Supreme Court Rule 81.

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

4. On May 10, 2018, Disciplinary Counsel filed a Statement of Charges against Respondent after an investigative panel of the Commission found reasonable cause to begin formal proceedings.

5. Respondent agrees to forego the filing of a written Response to the Statement of Charges, and the parties now agree to this stipulated resolution of the matter.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

6. On or about March 31, 2015, Leroy Montoya filed a second/successive petition for post-conviction relief in Mohave County Superior Court Case No. CR2007-0363. This matter, along with two other criminal cases for Mr. Montoya, was assigned to Respondent.

7. The State of Arizona filed a response to the petition on or about April 14, 2015, and Mr. Montoya filed a prompt reply.

8. Thereafter, Mr. Montoya filed multiple additional pleadings in CR2007-0363, including a motion for change of judge, and submitted letters to the court inquiring when Respondent would rule on his petition for post-conviction relief and other pending matters.

9. On or about October 21, 2016, Respondent conducted a status conference in CR2007-0363 and two other cases involving Mr. Montoya. The fact that Respondent had not yet ruled on the petition for post-conviction relief filed on March 31, 2015, was discussed at length during the hearing. Specifically, Respondent made the following statements regarding the delay and lack of a ruling:

- “This is the time I’ve set for a status hearing so that I could try to get everybody in here and help me figure out the status of these cases. I apologize to all.”
- “I’ve attempted to get back and tried to figure out exactly what I had in each of these cases to make some sort of ruling.”
- “. . . if I can get focused on what the issues are and what needs to be addressed specifically on each of these cases, [sic] willing to delve back in.”

- “I know that you’re irritated by the delay, but I have now made a record that the canons need to be effected. I may write the Judicial Commission myself and tell them what I’ve done in this case.”

- “I have not gotten to these files because every time I go to pick one up, there’s a new stack of pleadings on them, and it’s been, quite frank [sic], difficult to get back to each of them trying to figure out which ones are even pending.”

10. At the hearing, Mr. Montoya agreed to withdraw his motion for change of judge. Respondent requested that Mr. Montoya provide him with a list of the pending matters that required rulings, and Respondent indicated he would issue an order setting another hearing date.

11. After the hearing on October 21, 2016, Mr. Montoya submitted the list of pending matters Respondent had requested, and later submitted multiple letters/inquiries to Respondent asking when Respondent would rule on his outstanding matters and/or set an evidentiary hearing.

12. Respondent still did not rule on Mr. Montoya’s pending matters, including the petition for post-conviction relief filed on March 31, 2015.

13. On or about August 22, 2017, Mr. Montoya filed a complaint with the Commission regarding the delayed ruling.

14. On or about October 5, 2017, Respondent was provided notice of Mr. Montoya’s complaint and given an opportunity to respond.

15. On or about November 20, 2017, Respondent submitted his initial response to the Commission in which he acknowledged that he still had not ruled on Mr. Montoya’s pending petition and other matters. Respondent further indicated that he would recuse himself from Mr. Montoya’s cases.

16. From June 30, 2015 through September 30, 2017, Respondent signed statements pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-128.01, falsely certifying that he had no matters under submission that were pending and undetermined for more than sixty days.

MUTUAL CONSIDERATIONS AND AGREEMENT

17. Respondent concedes that these facts would support a finding of judicial misconduct should this matter proceed to a formal hearing.

18. Respondent agrees that his conduct violated Rules 1.1, 1.2, 2.5(A) of the Code, Article 2, Section 11 of the Arizona Constitution, Article 6, Section 21 of the Arizona Constitution, Article 6.1, Section 4 of the Arizona Constitution, and Rule 32.6(c)¹ of the Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure.

19. Respondent acknowledges that he has previously received a warning from the Commission for similar misconduct involving a delayed ruling.

20. The parties agree, however, that the following mitigating factors indicate that a formal public censure as described herein is the appropriate sanction in this matter:

- a. Respondent acknowledges the wrongful nature of his conduct and hereby manifests his desire to reform his conduct.
- b. Respondent fully cooperated with the Commission in these proceedings.

AGREED UPON SANCTION

21. Respondent agrees to accept a Public Censure for the judicial misconduct he engaged in, as set forth in this agreement.

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

22. This agreement, if accepted by the hearing panel, fully resolves all issues raised in the Statement of Charges and may be used as evidence in later proceedings in accordance with the Commission's Rules. If the hearing panel does not accept this agreement as a full resolution, then the admissions made by Respondent are withdrawn, and the matter will be set for hearing without use of this agreement.

¹ Respondent agrees that his conduct violated Rules 1.1, 1.2, 2.5(A) of the Code, Article 2, Section 11 of the Arizona Constitution, Article 6, Section 21 of the Arizona Constitution, Article 6.1, Section 4 of the Arizona Constitution, and Rule 32.6(c)¹ of the Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure.

23. This Stipulated Resolution fully resolves the complaint against Respondent filed by Leroy Montoya on August 22, 2017.

24. Respondent waives his right to file a Response to the Statement of Charges, pursuant to Commission Rule 25(a).

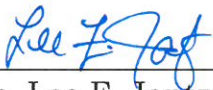
25. Pursuant to Commission Rule 28(a), both parties waive their right to appeal the charges at issue in this matter, including the appeal procedures set out in Commission Rule 29.

26. Both parties agree not to make any statements to the press that are contrary to the terms of this agreement.

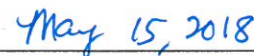
27. Both parties will pay their own costs and attorney's fees associated with this case.

28. Respondent clearly understands the terms and conditions of this agreement, has had an opportunity to review it with legal counsel, and fully agrees with its terms.

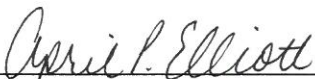
29. This agreement constitutes the complete understanding between the parties.



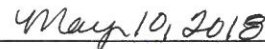
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Date



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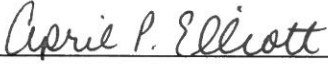
Inquiry concerning)	
)	Case No. 17-232
Judge Lee F. Jantzen)	
Mohave County Superior Court)	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE OF
State of Arizona)	STIPULATED RESOLUTION
)	FOR PURPOSES OF
Respondent)	DISCIPLINE BY CONSENT
)	

I certify that on the 17th day of May, 2018, I electronically served a file stamped copy of the fully executed Stipulated Resolution for Purposes of Discipline by Consent upon Respondent to the following:

Hon. Lee F. Jantzen
Mohave County Superior Court
LJantzen@courts.az.gov

DATED this 17th day of May, 2018.

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT



April P. Elliott
Disciplinary Counsel

A copy of this pleading was electronically served on May 17, 2018, upon Respondent, to:

Hon. Lee F. Jantzen
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Judge Lee F. Jantzen)	
Mohave County Superior Court)	RECORD OF APPOINTMENT
State of Arizona)	OF HEARING PANEL
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Respondent)	
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Acting pursuant to Rules 3(f) and 27(a) of the Rules of the Commission, Judge Louis Frank Dominguez is hereby appointed to serve as the presiding member of the hearing panel in the above-entitled proceeding and designates the following as members of the panel: Chris Ames, Gus Aragón, Colleen Concannon, Louis Frank Dominguez, Peter J. Eckerstrom, George H. Foster, Jr., Anna Mary Glaab, and J. Tyrrell Taber.

Dated this 21st day of May, 2018.

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Louis Frank Dominguez
Hon. Louis Frank Dominguez
Presiding Hearing Panel Member

Copies of this pleading sent via email this 21st day of May, 2018 to:

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Inquiry concerning)	
)	Case No. 17-232
Judge Lee F. Jantzen)	
Mohave County Superior Court)	STATEMENT OF CHARGES
State of Arizona)	
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Respondent)	
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Pursuant to Commission Rule 24(a), Disciplinary Counsel hereby files this Statement of Charges against Superior Court Judge Lee F. Jantzen (hereafter Respondent) setting forth the Commission's jurisdiction and specifying the nature of his alleged judicial misconduct.

JURISDICTION

1. The Commission on Judicial Conduct (hereafter Commission) has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to Article 6.1, § 4 of the Arizona Constitution and the Rules of the Commission.

2. This Statement of Charges is filed pursuant to Rule 24(a) of those rules (Commission Rules).

3. Respondent served as a superior court commissioner from 2007 – 2009, and has served as a superior court judge in Mohave County since 2009, and continues to hold that position.

4. As a judge, Respondent is subject to the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct (effective 09/01/09, last amended 11/24/09) (Code) as set forth in Arizona Supreme Court Rule 81.

PRIOR DISCIPLINE

5. Closed files pertaining to discipline of Respondent may be referred to and used by the Commission or by Respondent for the purpose of determining the severity of the sanction, a pattern of misconduct, or exoneration of the judge pursuant to Commission Rule 22(e).

6. Consistent with the requirements of Commission Rule 22(e), undersigned Disciplinary Counsel (Counsel) notified Respondent on April 2, 2018, that his prior disciplinary history, as set forth below, may be so used.

Case No. 2010-242, Private Warning

7. Respondent self-reported a delayed ruling. In his self-report, Respondent noted that after he became aware of an overdue ruling, he had thought about the case, but never had the time to “dig in” and resolve it.

8. The Commission issued Respondent a warning letter, finding that the circumstances for the delay were unreasonable given that Respondent was aware of the pending matter for three weeks after receiving notice, but failed to rule until receiving a second notice because he did not take the time to find out what was in the file. The Commission specifically noted that such delay is something that would normally warrant a reprimand, however, the Commission chose to mitigate the matter to a warning and remind Respondent of his obligation to rule on matters promptly and to make sure he had no pending matters before signing salary certifications. Respondent was also warned to implement effective calendaring procedures to avoid future delays.

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19. From June 30, 2015 through September 30, 2017, Respondent signed statements pursuant to A.R.S. §12-128.01, falsely certifying that he had no matters under submission that were pending and undetermined for more than sixty days.

VIOLATIONS OF THE CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Respondent's conduct described above in paragraphs 9-19 violated the following provisions of the Code, the Arizona Constitution, and Arizona law. Specifically:

20. Rule 1.1 of the Code, which states "A judge shall comply with the law, including the Code of Judicial Conduct."

21. Rule 1.2 of the Code, which states "A judge shall act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary, and shall avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety."

22. Rule 2.5(A) of the Code, which states "A judge shall perform judicial and administrative duties competently, diligently, and promptly."

23. Article 2, Section 11 of the Arizona Constitution which states “Justice in all cases shall be administered openly, and without unnecessary delay.”

24. Article 6, Section 21 of the Arizona Constitution which states “Every matter submitted to a judge of the superior court for his decision shall be decided within sixty days from the date of submission thereof. The Supreme Court shall by rule provide for the speedy disposition of all matters not decided within such period.”

25. Article 6.1, Section 4 of the Arizona Constitution, which forbids a judge to engage in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute.

26. Arizona Revised Statutes Section 12-128.01 which states:

A superior court judge or commissioner shall not receive his salary unless such judge or commissioner either certifies that no cause before such judge or commissioner remains pending and undetermined for sixty days after it has been submitted for decision or there is submitted by the chief justice of the Arizona supreme court a certification that such superior court judge or commissioner has been physically disabled during the preceding sixty days or that good and sufficient cause exists to excuse the application of this section to particularly identified litigation then pending.

27. Rule 32.6(c),¹ Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure, which states:

The court shall review the petition within twenty days after the defendant’s reply was due. . . . If the court . . . determines that no remaining claim presents a material issue of fact or law which would entitle the defendant to relief under this rule and that no purpose would be served by any further proceedings, the court shall order the petition dismissed. If the court does not dismiss the petition, the court shall set a hearing within thirty days on those claims that present a material issue of fact or law.


¹ The citation is to the rule in effect in 2015, 2016, and 2017. The substantial revisions to the Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure took effect on January 1, 2018. Under the revised rules, the timeline to rule on a petition for post-conviction relief is governed by Rule 32.6(d).

REQUESTED RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Disciplinary Counsel hereby requests that a duly-appointed Commission Hearing Panel find Respondent in violation of the Code, Arizona Constitution and Arizona law, as alleged above; recommend to the Supreme Court that Respondent be censured; that attorney fees and costs be assessed against Respondent pursuant to Commission Rule 18(e); and that the hearing panel or court grant such other relief as it deems appropriate.

Dated this 10th day of May, 2018.

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT



April P. Elliott
Disciplinary Counsel

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Inquiry concerning)	
)	Case No. 17-232
Judge Lee F. Jantzen)	
Mohave County Justice Court)	NOTICE OF INSTITUTION OF
State of Arizona)	FORMAL PROCEEDINGS
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Respondent)	
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To Judge Lee F. Jantzen:

You are hereby notified that the Commission on Judicial Conduct has instituted formal proceedings against you in accordance with Rule 24 of the Rules of the Commission on Judicial Conduct (“Rules”) to inquire into the charges specified in the attached Statement of Charges. You are also notified that a hearing will be held before the Commission to determine whether these charges constitute grounds for judicial discipline as provided in Article 6.1, § 4, of the Arizona Constitution and the Rules.

You are further notified that:

1. April P. Elliott, Attorney at Law, will act as disciplinary counsel for the Commission in this matter, to gather and present evidence before the Commission on the charges.

2. You have the right, pursuant to Rule 25(a), to file a written response to the charges made against you within 15 days after personal or electronic service of this notice upon you, or within 20 days of the date this notice is mailed. An original signed copy of the response must be filed in the Commission's office by 5:00 p.m. on the required date.

3. Upon receipt of your response, or upon expiration of the time in which a response may be filed, the Commission will open and maintain a public file containing the Notice of Institution of Formal Proceedings, the Statement of Charges, and all subsequent pleadings filed with the Commission. This file and the formal hearing in this case shall be open to the public in accordance with Rule 9(a).

4. You have the right to be represented by counsel, to examine and cross-examine witnesses and to require the issuance of subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses or for the production of any evidentiary matters necessary for your defense.

Dated this 10th day of May, 2018.

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT



Margaret H. Downie
Executive Director

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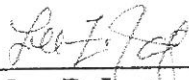
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Judge Lee F. Jantzen)	
Mohave County Superior Court)	ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE
State of Arizona)	
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Respondent)	

I, Lee F. Jantzen, Respondent, hereby accept service of process, and understand by accepting the following documents, it is the same as if I were personally served under Arizona law:

1. Notice of Institution of Formal Proceedings.
2. Statement of Charges.

I understand that pursuant to Commission Rule 25, I have the right to file a formal Response or Answer to the Statement of Charges within 15 days after personal or electronic service of this notice upon me. An original signed copy of the response must be filed in the Commission's office by 5:00 p.m. on the required date.



Hon. Lee F. Jantzen
Respondent

4 May 10, 2018
Date