

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 21-033

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

May 11, 2021

The Complainant alleged a municipal court judge engaged in improper demeanor and violated his First Amendment rights.

The role of the Commission on Judicial Conduct is to impartially determine whether a judicial officer has engaged in conduct that violates the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct or Article 6.1 of the Arizona Constitution. There must be clear and convincing evidence of such a violation in order for the Commission to take disciplinary action against a judicial officer.

The Commission reviewed all relevant available information and concluded there was not clear and convincing evidence of ethical misconduct in this matter. The complaint is therefore dismissed pursuant to Commission Rules 16(a) and 23(a).

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on May 11, 2021.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name: _____ **Judge's Name:** _____

Instructions: Use this form or plain paper of the same size to file a complaint. Describe in your own words what you believe the judge did that constitutes judicial misconduct. Be specific and list all of the names, dates, times, and places that will help the commission understand your concerns. Additional pages may be attached along with copies (not originals) of relevant court documents. Please complete one side of the paper only, and keep a copy of the complaint for your records.

While attempting to file this petition, I, the victim was told that I would need to contact the harrasser, as I did not have his address. I expressed that I did not feel that it was proper to expect a victim to voluntarily retraumatize themselves when the court or law enforcement could easily obtain the address of the defendant. After I was able to obtain the address, through great difficulty, I was verbally demeaned and attacked by the judge for expressing frustration. I feel that it is beyond reprehensible to force a victim to contact a harrasser for the sake of laziness on the part of court staff. It is also terrible service and against the interest of justice to cause such contact. To further insult me, the judge forced me to appologize to the staff member who acted in such a reprehensible manner before proceeding with the case. Judge further stated that I would nto be permitted to exspress frustration in the courthouse, a violation of the first ammendment to the US constitution.