

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 24-033

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

May 31, 2024

The Complainant alleged improper legal rulings by a justice of the peace hearing a criminal case.

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 does not have jurisdiction to overturn, amend, or remand a judicial officer's legal rulings. 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).

Commission members Regina L. Nassen and Christopher P. Staring did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on May 31, 2024.

COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Revised Summary of Concerns: Judge
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Petition for Sealing and Order for Seal Delays:

Original petition submitted on , re Case (#) **but it remains unaddressed beyond the -day standard timeframe. The judgment from a bench trial (#) may be impacting the delay of an Order to Seal regarding matter (#);**

Repeated inquiries to the court clerk have not yielded substantive updates, with the matter reportedly being **passed** on each time.

Judgment from a Bench Trial and Its Impact re Case #

A separate judgment from a bench trial on might be influencing the processing of my petition for sealing.

Allegations of judicial misconduct against Judge , who presided over this bench trial.

Concerns of Judicial Misconduct:

Accusations of malicious and vindictive behavior by Judge potentially compromising your legal proceedings.

I am filing a complaint for judicial misconduct, citing concerns for public safety and welfare, particularly regarding the treatment of animals.

Request for Review and Action Regarding the Handling of Supersedeas Bond and Alleged Misappropriation of Funds

I seek resolution regarding the handling of a supersedeas bond filed with Judge from the Court, acting as the appellate

body in my recent case. This appeal was in response to a decision made by the Court, which I believe erroneously denied my initial and perfected motion to dismiss evidence.

Despite the Court upholding the Court's decision, a significant issue has arisen concerning the transfer and management of the supersedeas bond. The refusal or failure of the Court to transfer the bond back to the Court is alarming. This situation is exacerbated by the conduct of multiple clerks at the Court, who appear to be deferring responsibility to one another without providing a clear resolution or explanation.

This pattern of behavior raises serious concerns about the potential misappropriation of funds. It is imperative that this matter be thoroughly investigated to ensure transparency, accountability, and the integrity of the judicial process. I request a detailed review of the handling of my supersedeas bond and urge for immediate corrective actions to be taken.

Animal Custody and Welfare Issues:

Involuntary changes in my animals' housing due to actions by an animal officer.

Seizure of my animals during a temporary absence and their subsequent placement in inadequate conditions.

Alleged violations of my legal rights during this process, including forced confession and denial of counsel with imposition of a judgment consisting of "fines and restitution". Initially this judgment was calculated to be and I was to be "grateful" it was lowered to

Issues Related to the Bench Trial:

Exclusion of a key witness and denial of a continuance request.

Lack of substantial evidence for conviction or justification for animal removal.

Disappearance of submitted evidence and incomplete records for the appeal process.

Denial of Legal Representation:

Consistent denial of my right to legal counsel, despite my citizenship status, (USA citizen)

Animal Medication and Care Concerns:

Forced administration of medication () (highly toxic in canines) to my animals without consent or proper veterinary oversight, by unlicensed prescribers

Inappropriate financial and operational involvement of a rescue organization and its relationship with judicial authorities.

Financial and Legal Complexities with the Rescue Organization:

The rescue organization covered costs for my animals' care, which should have been the state's responsibility.

The rescue organization or city of is now demanding reimbursement for these expenses through a judgment consisting of fines and restitutions;

Motion to Suppress Evidence and Federal Appeal:

A motion to suppress evidence based on constitutional violations was not granted.

The case has progressed to a federal appeal, which might be affecting the petition for sealing.

Broader Impact and Seeking Remedies:

The entire legal process is perceived as tainted, affecting not only the ongoing petition but also my broader legal and financial situation.

This is a calling for accountability and remedial action against the judge and other involved parties, including court clerks from the _____ Court and the _____ Court.

In light of the judicial conduct described above, including allegations of vindictive and malicious behavior, potential influence on separate legal matters, and the mishandling of the bench trial and animal custody issues, there is a compelling case for the removal of Judge _____.

His actions, as outlined, not only raise serious concerns about judicial impartiality and adherence to legal standards but also suggest a disregard for the welfare of individuals and animals involved in these proceedings. I have subsequently been threatened with warrants for my arrest, judgments, wage garnishments, and other adverse tactics to pay a judgment (fines and restitution) inflicted without adequate counsel.

The culmination of these issues — notably the delayed petition for sealing in the matter # _____, the improper handling of animal welfare, and the denial of basic legal rights — underscores the necessity for immediate and decisive action.

The removal of Judge _____ is imperative to uphold the integrity of the judicial system, protect the rights of citizens, and ensure the fair and ethical treatment of all parties in legal proceedings.