

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 24-053

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The Complainant alleged biased and improper legal rulings by a justice of the peace hearing an order of protection.

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 Commission approved sending the judge an advisory letter reminding her of the duty to allow parties to be heard under Rule 2.6(A) of the Code of Judicial Conduct. The complaint is therefore dismissed pursuant to Commission Rules 16(b) and 23(a). Additionally, the Commission would like to remind the judge of the potential perils of having the defendant, rather than petitioner, leave first in protective order proceedings, of remaining on the bench after one party is no longer present, of allowing a witness to testify without any questions, and of denying cross-examination of that same witness.

Commission members Roger D. Barton and Joseph C. Kreamer did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Dated: February 4, 2025

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Christopher P. Staring
Hon. Christopher P. Staring
Commission Chair

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on February 4, 2025.

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2024-053

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.

	Case #	
I had a order of protection hearing before		When I walked in I
could tell from the look on her face that she had already decided the verdict. She would not let me talk. She would not let me cross examine my ex-wife who was on the witness stand just bad mouthing me for 10 minutes straight. Every thing I brought up she shut me down. Every question I had she said she wasn't goina to discuss it. The hearing was a joke! We never got to discuss the order of protection.		
is a joke! In my mind she is sexist and will always side with a woman. She needs to be removed from the bench. I will do everything in my power to make sure she is not in that postion of power any longer than she has to be. I know alot of people, I will make it a point to have her removed as soon as possible. So basically if a woman wants an order of protection and she is fortunate enough to get in front of		its a given she will get it. What a disgrace of the judicial system!

12-409. Change of judge; grounds; affidavit

A. If either party to a civil action in a superior court files an affidavit alleging any of the grounds specified in subsection B, the judge shall at once transfer the action to another division of the court if there is more than one division, or shall request a judge of the superior court of another county to preside at the trial of the action.

B. Grounds which may be alleged as provided in subsection A for change of judge are:

1. That the judge has been engaged as counsel in the action prior to appointment or election as judge.
2. That the judge is otherwise interested in the action.
3. That the judge is of kin or related to either party to the action.
4. That the judge is a material witness in the action.
5. That the party filing the affidavit has cause to believe and does believe that on account of the bias, prejudice, or interest of the judge he cannot obtain a fair and impartial trial.

MOTION FOR CHANGE OF JUDGE

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