

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 24-081

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

September 19, 2024

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge displayed improper conduct in a family law matter.

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).

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on September 19, 2024.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name:

Judge's Name:

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I believe a thorough internal investigation into these matters is warranted to ensure the principles of justice, impartiality, and fairness are upheld in this case. The incidents I have outlined have left me questioning the overall professionalism and impartiality of the court proceedings, potentially compromising the administration of justice.

I kindly request that you keep me informed in writing about the progress of the investigation and any measures taken to address the issues raised in this complaint. Given the urgency of the situation and its impact on my daughter's livelihood, I trust that this matter will be handled with the utmost confidentiality and fairness.

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