

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 24-217

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

September 10, 2024

The Complainant alleged a justice of the peace improperly allowed a transfer from small claims court to civil court.

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 Roger D. Barton, Louis Frank Dominguez, and Christopher P. Staring did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on September 10, 2024.

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**2024 - 217**

**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.

I am filing this complaint regarding Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Her failure to follow Arizona Statutes and Justice Court Rules shows she is in violation of the 2022 Code of Judicial Conduct Canon 1 Rule 1.1 and 1.2. She failed to follow Arizona law by denying a late filing to move to civil court from small claims court and she does not promote public confidence by her actions. Her explanation for denying my reconsideration of her motion, fails to address that the defendant filing was NOT TIMELY. I ask that this Commission take the appropriate steps to make sure she follows Arizona Statutes and Rules of Civil court or be removed from the bench. Based on her actions, I do not trust our judicial system anymore to be fair or competent. See timeline below and documentation of her decision and even denying our reconsideration when she is reminded of the Arizona Statute and Court Rules regarding timeliness of hearings. Judge Reagan must believe that timelines in Arizona Statute are not law.

Timeline:  
My company, \_\_\_\_\_ files a small claims complaint against an individual for an unpaid bill.  
Defendant answers small claims complaint.  
Justice Courts issues notice of hearing date for \_\_\_\_\_  
2 business days before hearing Defendant, through attorney \_\_\_\_\_ files request to transfer to civil division.  
In violation of Court Rules ARS § 22-504(A) and rule 11(a), ARSCP, Judge \_\_\_\_\_ the DAY of the hearing, grants the transfer to civil. There is not even enough time to notice me, the Plaintiff, of this change. I went online the day of the hearing as instructed and my case was not heard.  
I filed a motion for reconsideration of the transfer citing Court Rules ARS § 22-504(A) and rule 11(a) ARSCP as untimely filing of Defendant's motion to transfer.  
Judge \_\_\_\_\_ denies my motion for reconsideration even though her decision was in violation of Court Rules ARS § 22-504(A) and rule 11(a), ARSCP. She has to skip over the box of denial for untimely filing to grant Defendant's motion.

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# County Justice Courts, Arizona

CASE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Plaintiff(s) Name / Address / Email / Phone

Defendant(s) Name / Address / Email / Phone

2nd Named Defendant: \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Named Defendant: \_\_\_\_\_

## SMALL CLAIMS COMPLAINT

JUSTICE COURT  
ARSCP4

**WARNING: THERE ARE NO APPEALS IN SMALL CLAIMS CASES.** You do not have the right to appeal the decision of the Hearing Officer or the Justice of the Peace in the Small Claims Division of this court. If you wish to preserve your right to appeal, you may have your case transferred to the Civil Division of this court. If you request such transfer, allow at least 10 business days prior to the day of the scheduled hearing: ARS 22-504, ARSCP 11(a)

This court has venue over this matter because:

- Defendant resides in this precinct.
- The debt, transaction or incident that resulted in this claim occurred in this precinct at the following location (ARS 22-202)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ is the total amount owed me by defendant because (please attach additional page(s) if more room is needed):

\_\_\_\_\_ hired me to redesign her master bathroom for her. She had paid 2 consults previously for our work in measuring, creating the existing space in a 3D model and create 3 new versions of the space in the 3D model. She had met in our office and settled on a version to move forward with. We then met at her house and we noted a beam might be structural. We advised getting an engineer to evaluate. She agreed. We paid for the engineer. After seeing another invoice, she asked us to stop work, which we did promptly. She refused to pay our consults/engineering costs incurred. She then proceeded to do work on the bathroom without us. She used our plans to submit to the city for permitting we discovered through a public records request. She owes us more than that, \_\_\_\_\_ but small claims limits to \_\_\_\_\_ which we understand.

To the best of my knowledge and belief:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Plaintiff (signature): \_\_\_\_\_

Please inform court staff if interpreter services are required.

Yes, I need interpreter services. Language: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE: If you are representing a partnership, association or any other organization, provide the court with a notice stating your position and authority to represent this action.**



# County Justice Courts, Arizona

CASE NUMBER

Plaintiff(s) Name / Address / Email / Phone

Defendant(s) Name / Address / Email / Phone

**SMALL CLAIMS SUMMONS**

Replacement

JUSTICE COURT  
FILED  
2020

The Statutory Agent / Corporate Officer to be served is:

Name / Address / Email / Phone

Notice: A separate Summons will be issued for each named defendant on the complaint.

**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:** You are directed to answer this complaint within **20 calendar days** by filing a written Answer in the court named above. If you do not answer or defend, you run the risk of having a judgment entered against you for the amount of plaintiff's claim, plus court costs. A filing fee must be paid at the time your answer is filed. If you cannot afford to pay the required fee, you may request that the Court either waive or defer the fee.

**REQUESTING AN INTERPRETER OR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS:** The court should be notified of requests for an interpreter or special accommodations at least **15 calendar days** before a court date.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk \_\_\_\_\_



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PAGES OF ANY DISMISSED  
COMPLAINT ON ITS WEBSITE.**

**FOR ACCESS TO THE  
REMAINDER OF THE  
COMPLAINT IN THIS MATTER,  
PLEASE MAKE YOUR REQUEST  
IN WRITING TO THE  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL  
CONDUCT AND REFERENCE  
THE COMMISSION CASE  
NUMBER IN YOUR REQUEST.**