

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 24-253

Judge:

Complainants:

ORDER

November 22, 2024

The Complainants alleged a justice of the peace's fiancé stole a campaign sign and made disparaging remarks against another candidate which the justice of the peace "liked" on social media.

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).

Commission member Christopher P. Staring did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on November 22, 2024.

From:

Sent:

To: Commission on Judicial Conduct <CommissionJudicialCo@courts.az.gov>

Subject: Election interference

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Hello.

This is the second mailing of this correspondence. The first included a thumb drive. It was advised to resend via email.



Governor _____ ,

My name is _____ . My husband is _____ , currently running for Justice of the Peace, _____ here in _____ . The person he is running against is _____ , fiancée of _____ of the _____ of Arizona, _____ , he is also a _____ .

Respectfully, please read all of what we have enclosed. The most important point I would like to tell you about is that _____ and _____ , have intentionally and actively broken the law, and we feel are continuing to do so. These acts are interfering with and tampering with this primary election. In the bylaws of the _____ of Arizona it states _____ cannot show favoritism to any candidate. But this is much more egregious than outright favoritism and endorsing one democratic candidate over another in a contested election. Over the last few days _____ and _____ have been ramping up their disgraceful and shockingly brazen behavior against my husband's absolute right to run for this elected office. Here, the details of the incident that included filing a report with the _____ Police Department. Here are how the events played out as I posted this before we decided to write to you.

'For those interested in the race for Justice of the Peace, _____ , _____ of the _____ of Arizona and the fiancée of _____ , who is currently running for reelection has such terrible things to say about a serious matter, domestic violence and the people that work to hold those perpetrators responsible is atrocious. A truthful honest person like _____ was the victim of a crime and a _____ police report was filed- report number _____ this included audio, video and still pictures.

Last week while during our usual political election sign check, our large 3 foot by 4-foot elect sign was missing and in its exact spot was another large sign of Judge _____ , our sign now completely missing as were the 8 heavy duty zip ties _____ uses to secure these large signs. The business closest denied to me that they had the sign and with his hands in the air said, " _____ ", so we filed a report with the city police. While awaiting the police I took pictures of the back of the new sign that had a massive written warning to not post any political election signs except for that of Judge _____ , as per the owners " _____ ". This warning was not there _____ hours earlier when the sign was put up next to Judge _____ . The business had just told me they had nothing to do with it. I then noticed another handwritten message " _____ " ... my husband _____ called the number you can clearly hear _____ identify himself, he admits to having taken it and still had it. Advised, the _____ Police Department was en route, he said he would bring it back from where he took it. Twenty minutes later a white vehicle pulled into a spot perpendicular to our vehicle, you can clearly see _____ open the hatchback of their vehicle and pull out our stolen election sign. His first words to _____ were " _____ ". WOW!

As _____ raised the hatch of their car the female passenger turned around and looked right at _____ . There my husband _____ , _____ plus years as a professional law enforcement officer identified Judge _____ , sitting, listening, and participating in the return of our stolen election sign.

On video you see _____ the whole time calm and professional, take possession of his election sign. The first and only thing he said as he got in our car was, ”

_____”. This is much more than a _____ sign. This is the way candidates share their name and message in the community and the voters that decide such important matters. This is tampering and interference and mostly intimidation tactics used to destroy my husband's pursuit and absolute right to run for this office. We feel _____ has demonstrated clearly, he should be removed from his post within the _____ of Arizona and that respectfully the _____ should take notice of his criminal motivation and acts to interfere in the election.

Furthermore, this past _____, _____ posted on _____ (a printed copy of this post is also enclosed), what he thought was a blow to my husband's career of protecting victims of domestic violence. My husband is the lead investigator and detective for the _____ County Sheriff's Departments Domestic Violence unit. My husband has had a long rewarding and successful career as a professional law enforcement officer and has received multiple commendations and awards within the community for his hard work and determination in his commitment to helping those who cannot help themselves in a violent situation. He also initiated and stood over then Governor _____, as he signed two new laws further protecting victims and survivors of domestic violence. _____ did that, at the tail end of his career. What _____ did by this posting is victim shame and cast doubt on all victims' testimony of abuse. He later took down the post from the outrage he received from the public. He later reposted an altered version where he blocked all but his people on _____. Judge _____ in a screenshot we took, endorsed his demented and wholly improper view by liking his comment. How can a sitting presiding judge that oversees domestic violence cases give them a fair and unbiased judgment? She can't. She is exactly what my husband is running for; to improve the office and integrity of Justices of the Peace, of _____ County. _____ and _____, openly disrespect the rule of law and ethics and we feel threatened by them. By their shared acts, they have brought the _____ Police into this with their behavior, and we have been assured by police _____ that this will be taken seriously, and we appreciate the attention this deserves by the appropriate authorities. This has been going on since my husband first met the qualifications with his petition for signatures. _____ submitted complaints against my husband for working together, for safety reasons, with another potential candidate for another office. Neither at the time on the ballot, just citizens trying to attain the minimum signatures of registered voters. This was an act of intimidation on _____ part by having insert his name as often as he could. Judge _____ also stated on an open zoom forum that she was endorsed by _____. That statement showed favoritism she enjoyed by him and all the influence his name carried within the _____ of Arizona. Their shared acts are interfering in this election. My husband has massive support and _____ and _____ feel it. They are operating with a sense of impunity, both of them.

This is America not a dictatorship. They have acted as if they own that elected office and they are now acting criminally. Below is a list of names also sent this information. We have an appointment with the _____, for what many have advised us is Public Corruption.

Thank you so much Governor _____.

Respectfully, _____.

List of Authorities also sent this information;

, Arizona Court

Secretary of State

Arizona Attorney General

President of the ,

City of Mayor

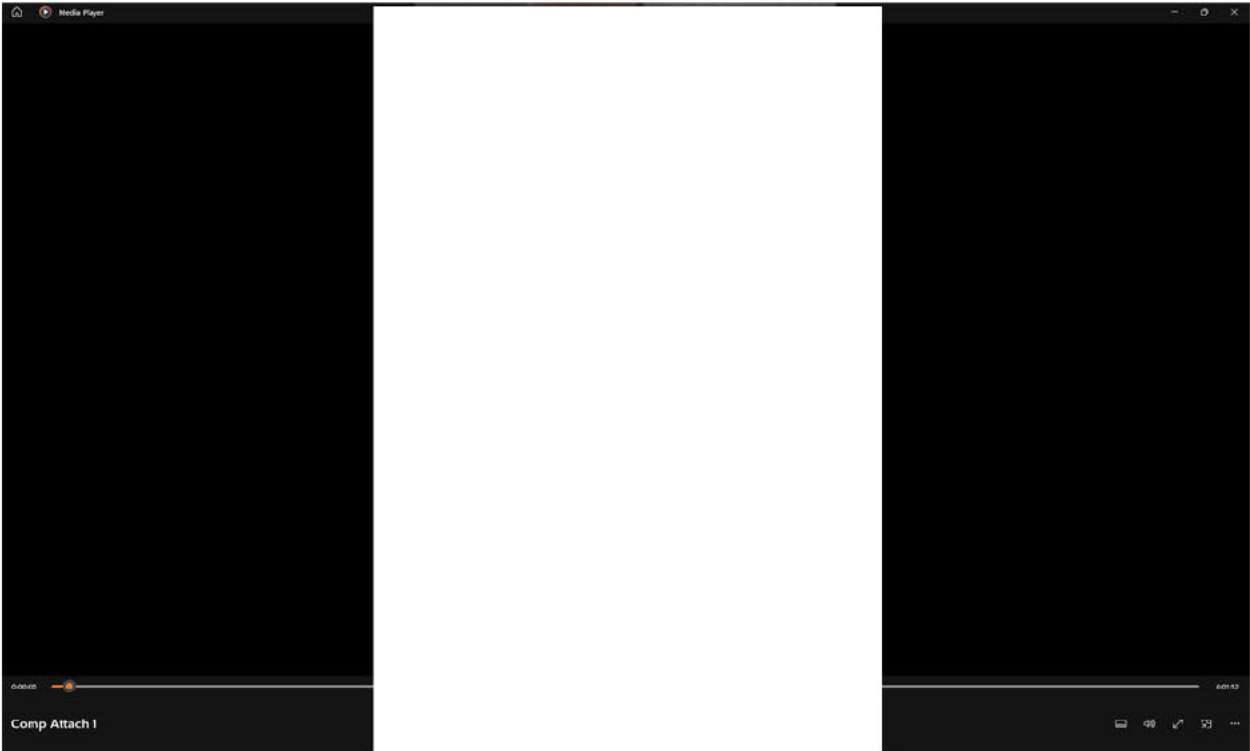
City of City Manager

Chair

Sr. Vice Chair

County Attorney

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PAGES OF ANY DISMISSED
COMPLAINT ON ITS WEBSITE.**

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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.**