

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 24-290

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

November 22, 2024

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge was rude in a family law 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 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 November 22, 2024.

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2024-290

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.

See Attachments

Judicial Complaint

The Court conducted a Resolution Management Conference on [redacted], to address a pending Motion to establish Parenting Time.

Counsel for Respondent noted at page 9, line 8-10, that a Response was not required for the Motion for Parenting time. See, A: TRANSCRIPT 12/4/23.

Counsel for Petitioner verified this at page 10, lines 6-7. A: TRANSCRIPT [redacted]

The Court KNOWINGLY set an evidentiary hearing for [redacted], and KNOWINGLY set an abnormal disclosure statement deadline of [redacted], because of the travel plans of Respondent's counsel and the Petitioner's desire to have the hearing ASAP. This was all known. A: TRANSCRIPT [redacted] page 13 to page 18.

Petitioner's counsel stated, "[redacted]"

TRANSCRIPT page 18, lines 12-15. Note, [redacted] was not being candid with the Court here. He was lying. Even so, I did do everything I reasonably could to get him disclosures before I left.

Respondent's counsel stated on the record, "[redacted]"

A: TRANSCRIPT [redacted] Page 18 line 19-21.

Petitioner's counsel then said, "[redacted]"

" A: TRANSCRIPT [redacted] page 18 lines 23-24.

In fact, I (Respondent's counsel) did email [redacted] on [redacted] with allegations. On [redacted], on [redacted], and again, before leaving on my trip, on [redacted]. MOST IMPORTANTLY, I did fully comply with the Disclosure Statement requirements of [redacted]. See, B: Emails to [redacted]; See, C: DISCLOSURE STATEMENT.

This brings us to the complete trainwreck of a hearing on [redacted].

The Judge asks [redacted]: "..."

" See, D: Transcript [redacted] at page 5, lines 12-14.

To which he replies: "[redacted]"

Transcript at page 5, lines 15-16.

..." D:

I, Counsel, for Respondent, responded, in part: "[redacted]"

[redacted] ..." D. TRANSCRIPT [redacted] at pages 7-8.

The Judge describes how this is a "[redacted]" Pages 9-15 D: TRANSCRIPT [redacted]. The

Court is rude here, mis-states the clear record, etc.

states, “
.” D: Transcript pages 14-15.

He makes the bold-faced lie that “

” D: TRANSCRIPT Pages 15-16.

I respond, “

” D: Transcript pages 16-17

THE JUDGE IS TOTALLY OFF THE RAILS NEXT

“

[She is a MONSTER! The answer is years], but an objection means a written objection [IT WAS!!]” D: TRANSCRIPT page 17-18.

The court then goes on to realize that Mother/Respondent did file Response to the Petition that ALSO objected to joint legal-decision-making and parenting time with specific allegations on ,
. D: TRANSCRIPT pages 20-23.

DOUBLE DOWN: “

.” D: TRANSCRIPT

page 23, lines 8-11. This is a lie. B: Emails to opposing counsel.

At the end of the hearing, I mustered an apology, for my client's sake, “
[though I know that it is not required],
[because it should never have].

[something that

is literally NEVER done in practice, though responses sometime are]...’
[because the Judge is INCOMPETENT!!!!!!!!!!].

[Resolution Management Conference, where we

decided all of this already!!!]

After the hearing, My client's stepfather wanted to intimidate me. He was yelling at me and getting in

my face and puffing up and looking like he wanted to fight. Security had to escort him out of the Courthouse. He is around [redacted] lbs. Luckily for me, I am a former bouncer and am [redacted]. However, IT was not fun. Additionally, my [redacted] law clerk was observing her first hearing that day. MOST IMPORTANTLY, my client was crying, shaken up.

I told her sister, “

What is trying terrible about this is that the Judge was excessively RUDE TO ME. She was like a caricature of an evil step-mother. And she deferred to [redacted] even when he was lying. It was a total sham of a hearing. She is completely incapable of being fair. She is terrible.

On [redacted], The court emailed myself and [redacted] stating that the Court had made a mistake and would conduct a hearing after all. See, E: Email from the Court [redacted].

What is terrible about this is that the Court actually made it worse. At the next hearing, the Judge was not apologetic. Was rude to me again. And said repeatedly that we would have equal time but instead gave opposing counsel and his client no less than 80% of the hearing time, and disallowed our one witness. I raised the issue at least 3 times, and the judge said, “ [redacted] ” each time, but, in fact, I received around [redacted] minutes to

Not only that, during [redacted] minute cross-examination, which was the period where he used all of our remaining time which led to our not being able to call our one witness, he successfully convinced the Court to order that my client's mother could not drive the child around during the day while she was at work, because she was an undocumented immigrant with no valid drivers' license.

The Judge simply made things worse, and convinced me and my client that there would NEVER be any fairness in her courtroom EVER. She is an unstable narcissistic individual who cannot be a judge. She simply cannot.

Why am I filing this complaint?? I don't even practice Family Law anymore because of this case. But for [redacted] years I have been serving [redacted]-Speaking individuals in [redacted] Arizona. They trust me. I have never lied to them. I have never done a bad job on one of their cases. I took this case because one of those immigration clients referred this [redacted] to me.

The damage that this case has done is not recoverable. This client blocked me and didn't pay her final bill.

Other [redacted] and [redacted] clients did the same after this. She is from a large family that is very well-connected. They blame me for everything that went wrong here.

What do I want. 1. I know that this Judge did this to ME because she doesn't like me. I do not know why. But I know she would not have done it to any other lawyer. She has been rude to me on other occasions and it is completely unprofessional. I have no idea why she is like this towards me. SHE NEEDS TO TELL ME WHY SHE DID THIS TO ME.

She needs to be punished. She cannot be a Judge. She is TERRIBLE. I paid for these transcripts to bring this to your attention. I didn't buy the final transcript for cost reasons.

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