

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 24-339

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

December 4, 2024

The Complainant alleged a municipal court judge failed to recuse herself while being biased against her by stating she was “not believable” in a protection order and divorce 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).

Commission members Denise K. Aguilar and Delia R. Neal did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on December 4, 2024.

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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.

Judge _____ was the stand-in judge for both cases of protection order for _____.

Case _____ was heard on _____ after which _____ was served divorce papers, which _____ violated by directly contacting not only _____ (_____), but her minor child (_____) and ex-husband, to whom he threatened to send revenge porn, resulting in another distinct order of protection heard and granted by a different judge.

Case _____ was heard on _____

The judge demonstrated impropriety by not complying with legal statutes indicating that she was not allowed to hear the case at all, as there was a divorce pending and therefore should have been heard in _____ Court, even after being informed of this fact by _____ attorney. She willingly did not recuse herself from the hearing, and after being notified of this, she let the order stand.

In addition, she demonstrated an obvious bias towards _____ a retired first responder, and admitted that she had " _____ " and was unwilling to hear from any of the call-in witnesses or evidence to the contrary from the previous case, demonstrating a lack of diligence, integrity, and professionalism. She demonstrated her impartiality by indicating her impression that _____ and another witness (_____) from the previous hearing were " _____ " whereas _____ testimony " _____ " and allowed counsel to state that _____ was " _____ " in open court. She deemed _____ smashing through a bedroom door (evidence provided) as " _____ " and obvious intoxication as " _____ " and stated as such in open court.

When _____ had to recount an episode of being video-recorded while being raped by _____ the judge indicated that she interpreted her emotional reaction of looking down as an indication of duplicity, and said as much in open court, although this is a typical non-verbal indication of shame demonstrated by most victims of abuse.

As a result of her failure to recuse herself and allowing orders in favor of _____ he went on to assault additional parties within _____ months of the hearing, including one _____ breaking her _____ on one instance, and later breaking her _____ by striking her _____ with his _____ causing her to be admitted to an emergency medical facility. Since the initial restraining order was not upheld that contained evidence that _____ had been abusing _____ considered community property, they were euthanized by _____ without due diligence within three months of the hearing.

In summary, it was clear to everyone present in the hearing that Judge _____ demonstrated judicial misconduct in the courtroom on _____ and her denial of _____ restraining order led to continued disregard for the law and assault on others with no legal recourse. As _____ has continued to send implicit threats, _____ lives in fear for her and her childrens' lives every day with no sense of urgency of the legal system to provide protection or even due process.

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