

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 24-414

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

December 27, 2024

The Complainant alleged a superior court commissioner delayed in ruling on a child support agreement.

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 Colleen E. Concannon did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on December 27, 2024.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name: Judge's Name:

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An agreement to modify child support was filed with the _____ Court on _____. Court Case # _____, ATLAS# _____. The new payments were supposed to be effective _____. After not seeing the payment come through, on _____ I called the Clearinghouse and they confirmed they had no new agreements in their possession. I was advised to call the Court Administration, who directed me to the office of Commissioner _____. I called the _____, the commissioner's assistant, on _____, and left a couple of messages for which I did not receive an answer to. I called again on _____, spoke to _____, who explained that I supposedly had a 4D case and I had to petition the Assistant Attorney General as the counsel for the State. I called the Assistant Attorney general on that same day, _____, and I was advised that there was a mistake and it was NOT a 4D case, as neither party in the case receives state benefits, and they sent the documents back. I called the Commissioner's office again, on the same day, and spoke to _____, advising what I was told by the Assistant Attorney's General's office. _____ asked for me to call back in a while in order to give him some time to confirm the information I had provided. I called again around _____ on _____ and _____ confirmed and stated he would give the Agreement to Modify Child Support to the Commissioner to review and sign off on. Today, _____, I called back the court administration and the commissioner's office again, only to find out that my agreement was still not presented to the commissioner for review and sign off. I spoke to another clerk at the Commissioner's office who reassured me she would provide the documents to the Commissioner for review and sign off today. This is a bit aggravating because due to someone's mistakes and lack of research, my case is still pending and no one has made any official records of all the conversations that have been had so far. My concern is that this may continue, and possibly my case may be dismissed in error.

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