

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 24-458

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

February 20, 2025

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge delayed ruling on returning her child when requirements were completed 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 February 20, 2025.

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2024-458

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 writing to formally file a complaint against Judge [] who presides over my family court case I believe that the judge's actions have been detrimental to my family and have caused unnecessary trauma to my child.

****Background:****
Over the past year, I have undergone a series of evaluations and completed drug testing as mandated by the court. In [] the judge ordered me to complete [] days of drug test and seek an assessment from []. I complied fully with this order, and I submitted a doctor's note indicating the results of my drug test, which showed a positive result For []. Despite my compliance and the completion of the required assessment, Judge [] has not restored my custody rights. As a result, my child and I have suffered greatly due to the prolonged separation, which has now lasted over a year.

****Specific Allegations:****

- **Failure to Restore Custody:**** After fulfilling the court's requirements, including the drug testing and assessment by [] the judge has not taken appropriate action to restore my custody rights, despite the clear evidence of my compliance.
- **Impact on the Child:**** The extended separation has been traumatic for my child, affecting their emotional well-being and stability. I believe that the judge's inaction in this matter demonstrates a lack of consideration for the best interests of my child. Including the continued placement with his father who is a repeat felon, several incidents of domestic violence in our marriage and also a conviction of aggravated DUI when he attempted to kill himself our son and I.
- **Lack of Communication:**** I have experienced difficulties in obtaining clear communication regarding the reasons for the continued denial of custody, which has added to the distress of both myself and my child.

****Conclusion:****
I respectfully urge the Commission to investigate these matters, as I believe that judge [] actions have not only been unjust but have also failed to prioritize the welfare of my child. The prolonged separation and lack of resolution are causing significant harm, and I seek your assistance in addressing this issue.

Thank you for your attention to this serious matter. I am willing to provide any additional information or documentation necessary to support my complaint.

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