

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 24-489

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

March 28, 2025

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge showed favoritism in rulings 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 does not have jurisdiction to overturn, amend, or remand a judicial officer's legal rulings. 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 March 28, 2025.

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2024-489

COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name: Judge's Name:

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is . I reside in , while my son lives in Arizona with his mother. We had a court hearing on where I raised concerns about parental alienation and requested assistance to ensure my rights to see and communicate with my son. Unfortunately, the judge disregarded these requests, providing what appeared to be a templated response without consideration of the facts or pleadings presented during the trial.

This lack of attention to the case's specifics has forced me to file several motions with the court. Each of these motions has been denied with generic and dismissive responses. In stark contrast, motions filed by my son's mother have been granted within a few days and without due process. This disparity in treatment makes me feel targeted and discriminated against for reasons unknown.

Since the trial, the situation regarding parental alienation has worsened. My parental rights have been reduced, including my health-related decision-making rights for my son, which have been granted solely to his mother without explanation. I have filed a Motion to Reconsider under Rule 83 and Rule 35.1, detailing the reasons for my request for reconsideration, financial assistance, and a fair approach to custody exchanges and visitation rights. I have attached this motion for your review.

Judge handling of this case has been deeply concerning. It appears the case has been treated without adequate attention to its unique circumstances, which has had a profound and detrimental impact on my relationship with my son. Parental alienation continues to escalate, and the judge's decisions seem to lack the necessary care and professionalism required for such a sensitive matter.

I am urgently requesting that someone review my case to ensure that due process is upheld and that fair consideration is given to all parties involved. The decisions being made affect not only the present but also the future of my relationship with my son, and I believe these matters deserve thoughtful deliberation.

Thank you for your time and attention to this serious matter. I hope appropriate action can be taken to address these concerns.

Sincerely,

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Attorney for Respondent

**IN THE COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF**

In Re the Matter of:)	Case No.
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)	RESPONDENT’S MOTION TO
)	ALTER OR AMEND THE
)	, ORDER OR
and)	ALTERNATIVELY, TO
)	RECONSIDER
)	
)	<i>(Assigned to</i>
Respondent.)	<i>Honorable</i>)

Respondent, (“Father”), by and through undersigned counsel, respectfully files this *Motion to Alter, Amend, or Reconsider* the Court’s , *Order* regarding legal decision-making, parenting time and child support, pursuant to Rule 83 and Rule 35.1 of the Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure.

Introduction

This Motion stems the , Order from this Court regarding legal decision-making, parenting time, and child support arrangements. Father asserts the Order imposes undue restrictions on his parental rights and incorrectly allocates child support

1 obligations. Father respectfully requests reconsideration or amendment of the Order to
2 better reflect the child's best interests and ensure fair financial responsibilities.

3 **Facts and Procedural Background**

4 1. On _____, Mother filed a Request to Register Foreign Support Order,
5 Income-Withholding Order, and Affidavit to Register Foreign Custody in Arizona.
6 This filing initiated Arizona's jurisdiction over the existing legal decision-making
7 and support orders originally issued in Texas.

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9 2. On _____, Father submitted a Petition for Enforcement and Order to
10 Show Cause, alleging that Mother had not complied with court orders and seeking
11 attorney's fees and costs. This led to an RMC hearing on _____, where
12 the court scheduled the matter for trial on _____, due to unresolved
13 jurisdictional issues.

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15 3. On _____, Father filed a Petition to Modify Legal Decision-Making
16 Authority, Parenting Time, and Child Support. However, both parties agreed at the
17 _____, Status Conference that an interstate UCCJEA hearing was
18 necessary to clarify jurisdiction, as no prior UCCJEA conference had been held.
19 On _____, _____ relinquished jurisdiction to Arizona as the more
20 convenient forum.

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22 4. Father filed a Motion for Temporary Orders on _____, requesting
23 modifications to legal decision-making, parenting time, and relocation. He also
24 filed a Petition for Contempt on _____, to address alleged violations of
25 parenting time and decision-making protocols. In response, Mother filed an

Emergency Motion regarding Therapy for the Minor Child on _____, citing
disruptions to _____ therapeutic care due to Father’s alleged interference.

5. Both parties submitted their Joint Pretrial Statement in preparation for an
evidentiary hearing on _____, detailing contested issues around parenting
time, legal decision-making, and child support.

6. The evidentiary hearing on _____, examined factors including each
parent's engagement with _____ educational, therapeutic, and social needs.
Following this, an Order for Legal Decision-Making, Parenting Time, and Child
Support was entered on _____. This order highlighted significant
ongoing issues, including communication barriers and compliance with prior
orders.

Legal Authority

I. **Rule 35.1, ARFLP** governs motions for reconsideration. In relevant part,
Rule 35.1(a), ARFLP provides:

(a) Generally. A party seeking reconsideration of a court order or ruling may file
a motion for reconsideration.

Here, sufficient grounds exist to support Father’s request for reconsideration of the
parties’ _____, Order for Legal Decision Making, Parenting Time and Child
Support because: (1) the Orders are not supported by the evidence; and (2) The Current
Orders remain vague or otherwise devoid of any instruction to be read in conjunction with
the previous orders leave the parties to interpret the Current Orders.

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THE COMMISSION CASE
NUMBER IN YOUR REQUEST.**