

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 24-490

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

March 28, 2025

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge was biased in allowing more contact between father and child 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 March 28, 2025.

From:

Sent:

To: Commission on Judicial Conduct <CommissionJudicialCo@courts.az.gov>

Subject: Remove Judge [redacted] from Case

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Good morning,

My name is [redacted] and I have some concerns about the conduct of Judge [redacted]. It is deeply troubling that Judge [redacted] is exhibiting behavior that isn't in alignment with the core goals of Arizona Family Court which is to protect children, prevent family violence, & protect victims.

This is in reference to case [redacted] where a toddler is being forced to have unsupervised visitation with his abusive father. Judge [redacted] is fully aware of the history of abuse from the father against Mother & Child. He's also aware of 3 orders of protection that have been upheld and allegations of abuse that were deemed credible by another judge in an evidentiary hearing.

The father choked the toddler and spat in his face during unsupervised visitation. Judge [redacted] dismissed the mother entirely and was so callous to say he simply doesn't believe her and she's not credible. He said the mother needs to " [redacted] " with her [redacted] old.

I am dismayed at this blatant disregard for victims of domestic violence, and from a sitting judge in family court no less. Dismissing victims and implicating them as liars that aren't credible is in direct violation of the core values of Arizona Family Court.

With this in mind, I urgently demand that Judge [redacted] be removed from case [redacted]

so that a Judge that upholds the value of protecting children and preventing family violence may take his place. The safety and well being of children should always come first and be taken seriously by the courts. If a parent poses a danger to their child it is unacceptable to give that parent unsupervised access to said child. Please do the right thing and remove Judge from this case.

Thank you,