

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 25-030

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

The Complainant alleged a pro tem superior court judge denied release and prejudged guilt at an initial appearance in a criminal 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 Commission approved sending the judge an advisory letter to be mindful to not give the appearance that a case was prejudged so as not to violate Rules 1.2 and 2.2. The complaint is therefore dismissed pursuant to Commission Rules 16(b) and 23(a).

Commission members Roger D. Barton and Colleen E. Concannon did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Dated: July 23, 2025

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Christopher P. Staring  
Hon. Christopher P. Staring  
Commission Chair

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on July 23, 2025.

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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.

Greetings, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at  
Approximately \_\_\_\_\_ during the initial appearance,  
Complainant \_\_\_\_\_ (Defendant in case number \_\_\_\_\_)  
asked the aforementioned Judge \_\_\_\_\_ for a release  
on his own recognizance to which the Judge directly  
scuffed at \_\_\_\_\_ and yelled, "!"  
Honorable \_\_\_\_\_ repeated that statement  
multiple times to \_\_\_\_\_ without having any authority to  
find \_\_\_\_\_ guilty before he had a chance to prove his  
innocence.

Will seek further legal action with  
respect to a civil rights complaint and seeks now to  
begin that process now with exhausting all administrative  
remedies before hand.

It should be noted, evidence of these  
allegations would/should be found on the audio/video  
recordings of the courtroom. \_\_\_\_\_ is unaware if  
there was in fact a stenographer in the room at that time.