

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-046

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

April 18, 2025

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge ruled on a matter when a change of judge motion was pending.

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).

Commission members Regina L. Nassen and Cathy Riggs did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on April 18, 2025.

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Judge's Name:

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This motion to change judge was filed today. Please forward it to Judge [redacted] Please advise Judge [redacted] she is unable to make any ruling on this matter as a matter of law until this motion is decided.

Also, please advise Judge [redacted] that Plaintiff is unavailable for the hearing tomorrow for the reasons outlined in her motion to continue the evidentiary hearing.

Plaintiff will be appealing all decisions made by Judge [redacted] after filing this motion to change judge.

Thank you,

360 KB **- Change Judge.pdf** 

1.8 MB **Exhibit A-Q.pdf** 

133 KB **viewer.aspx.pdf** 

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Plaintiff will be appealing this decision as it is in violation of Ariz. R. Civ. P. 42.2(e) (3), which notes that on filing of the affidavit for cause, the named judge should proceed no further in the action except to make such temporary orders as are absolutely necessary to prevent immediate and irreparable harm from occurring before the request is decided and the action transferred. However, if the named judge is the only judge in the county, that judge may also perform the functions of the presiding judge.

On _____ at _____ wrote:

Attached please find Judge _____ ruling on the Motion to Reconsider Plaintiff's Motion to Continue Evidentiary Hearing.

Judicial Assistant to the Honorable

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Ruling.docx



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