

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-055

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

July 11, 2025

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge did not discipline the other side for tardiness to court and denied her the right to be heard 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).

Commission members Regina L. Nassen and Christopher P. Staring did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on July 11, 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.

There was an Order to Appear for Resolution Management Conference on _____ between myself, the petitioner, and the respondent, _____. This appearance was conducted via virtual courtroom with Judge _____. To prepare for this hearing, I served the petition and the order to appear to respondent. I also provided my Resolution Management Statement to opposing party and to the Judge's office. I believe I have diligently performed the requirements of the order as the petitioner.

During the video conference, Judge _____ did not provide time for me to ask questions to her regarding clarifications of the court process or procedure during the call. Judge _____ did not allow me a time to explain my petition to modify parenting time against the opposing party.

The respondent party did not provide a copy of his Resolution Management Statement to me as required from the Order to Appear. What is troublesome is Judge _____ did not inquire _____ as to why he did not provide any document(s) that were required..

Additionally, respondent was _____ minutes late to the video conference and Judge _____ condoned the behavior without questioning or warning given there is a time limit of _____ minutes in front of judge.

In summary, I believe I have thoroughly prepared for the RMC. But I believe I was not given an equity of time to generate any meaningful resolution to the conflict under petition. I also believe there was biased treatment towards the opposing party because the opposing party did not receive any reprimands for failing to provide document(s) or follow court ordered procedures.