

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-061

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

May 23, 2025

The Complainant alleged a justice court hearing officer was biased against him in a small claims case, as the hearing officer ruled against him in the past.

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 May 23, 2025.

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Small Claims Court Case.

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Thank you,

Would you please look at my one and half page of a formal complaint regarding **Judge**
for misconduct(small claims court) due to bias? In the past, I also experienced him as a Judge
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IN WRITING TO THE
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CONDUCT AND REFERENCE
THE COMMISSION CASE
NUMBER IN YOUR REQUEST.**