

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-089

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The Complainant alleged a justice of the peace improperly reversed his stay order 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 of the duty to promote confidence in the judiciary and avoid the appearance of impropriety under Rule 1.2 of the Code of Judicial Conduct. The complaint is therefore dismissed pursuant to Commission Rules 16(b) and 23(a).

Commission members Roger D. Barton and Michael J. Brown did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Dated: January 28, 2026

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Christopher P. Staring

Hon. Christopher P. Staring
Commission Chair

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on January 28, 2026.

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2025-089

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.

During the . . . hearing I objected to receiving evidence prior to the hearing from the prosecutor. Judge . . . said " . . . I was sentenced under direct a few moments later. I brought this up to Mr. . . . and the . . . a few days later. In . . . I received Mr. . . . motion to stay sentencing and appoint me a public defender and it was soon after GRANTED on . . . I was given a public defender who didn't tell me it was even applicable until 2 weeks ago. on . . . a motion to vacate the pretrial setup for my appeal was granted without my knowledge. My public defender Filed a motion to clarify on . . . to try to figure out why I was told I could appeal then that chance was taken away. I do not believe it was addressed. I believe theres multiple conduct violations here. I had a restitution hearing on . . . and brought this all up to judge who chuckled and said " . . . almost mocking me in court. I believe this judge is not non bias as he could be involved with the . . . County . . . who is involved deeply with my ex wife who's the victim. . . from the . . . was in court for multiple of these hearings and she attempted to file a false injunction against harassment on me. After the . . . hearing . . . from the public defenders office asked me to contact him and his words were " . . . In the next few days when I can I will be filing a motion to reconsider with . . . and my appeals packet. Thank you for your time



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On or about I was
in court ~~for~~ for a violation of a court order.
A supplemental police report was given
as Evidence that was not disclosed to me
I called this out into the hearing
and the judge replied with "
" Through a
investigation it was deemed I did not
get this evidence prior.
Judge then signed a motion to
stay sentencing and appointed me a attorney
to look into this. On he reversed
the stay and is expecting me to pay
the fines now when I'm in the middle
of an appeal. I found out my case
was appealable on

file no.

2 messages

To:
Cc:

Hi,

We have received Mr. motion to appoint you counsel and the court's order granting the motion so that the possibility of an appeal may be addressed. We have also issued Mr. the following instructional comment:

As you are aware, in a misdemeanor case, after the defendant indicated that certain documents had not been disclosed to him in advance of trial, you incorrectly indicated to the court that such disclosure had been made. It is noted that you were under the belief that your assistant had transmitted the documents in question, that you later corrected the record, and that you have filed a motion to have the defendant appointed counsel to address the issue. In the future, should a defendant call into question whether disclosure has been made, you should promptly investigate the issue and correct the record if necessary.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. Our file has now been closed.

Best,

EMAIL:

**THE COMMISSION'S POLICY IS
TO POST ONLY THE FIRST FIVE
PAGES OF ANY DISMISSED
COMPLAINT ON ITS WEBSITE.**

**FOR ACCESS TO THE
REMAINDER OF THE
COMPLAINT IN THIS MATTER,
PLEASE MAKE YOUR REQUEST
IN WRITING TO THE
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL
CONDUCT AND REFERENCE
THE COMMISSION CASE
NUMBER IN YOUR REQUEST.**