

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-091

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

June 10, 2025

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge denied 17 motions and then coerced him to take a plea agreement 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 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 Denise K. Aguilar, Joseph C. Kreamer, and Scott H. O'Connor did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on June 10, 2025.

CONFIDENTIAL

Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct
1501 W. Washington Street, Suite 229
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

2025-091

COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name:

[Redacted Name]

Judge's Name:

[Redacted 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.

ON - I HAD FILED MOTIONS THAT WERE UN-RULED ON SINCE WITHIN 5 MINUTES THE JUDGE DENIED EVERY MOTION -

- I WENT TO COURT, I WAS GIVEN ONE PLEA BARGAIN/AGREEMENT, THEN I FELT LIKE I WAS THREATENED/COERCED IN TO SIGNING THE PLEA BY BEING TOLD IF I WENT TO TRIAL AND LOST I WOULD BE GIVEN THE AGGRAVATED MAXIMUM SENTENCE TO RUN CONSECUTIVE ON ALL COUNTS! (I WAS PRO-PER AT THE TIME) MY CO-COUNSEL.

CONFIDENTIAL

Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct
1501 W. Washington Street, Suite 229
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

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.

WAS there to observe all this -
I FEEL LIKE I AM BEING
MALICIOUSLY PROSECUTED BY
THIS JUDGE -
AND BY STATE'S PROSECUTOR -
I AM HERE
FOR SIMPLE SHOPLIFTING -
CLASS 6 FELONY, BUT AM BEING
PROSECUTED FOR A CLASS 4 ORGANIZED
RETAIL THEFT " THIS JUDGE
FLAT OUT DENIED ALL MY MOTIONS
WITHIN MINUTES AFTER REFUSING
TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEM SINCE
! THANK YOU -

COURT OF ARIZONA
COUNTY

Should the Trial Assignment Judge approve a virtual appearance, the Assignment Judge's division will email parties instructions and a link to join the Court Connect videoconference (for more information, visit _____). A hearing participant can also join by telephone by dialing _____ and entering Access Code _____. If a virtual appearance has been approved counsel of record and defendants are ordered to appear via videoconference with their webcams enabled.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED vacating the **Final Trial Management Conference (FTMC)** as to all matters set for _____ in this Division and resetting same for _____ at **(time certain; in person appearance)** in this Division.

Counsel and the Defendant are directed to personally appear at the Trial Management Conference.

Counsel are directed to complete the Trial Management Conference/Joint Pretrial Statement form and submit the completed form to the Trial Judge before the conference occurs.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED setting a **Status Conference** as to all matters for _____ at **(time certain; in person)** in this Division.

The Court has received and reviewed the following motions filed by the Defendant as *pro per* and rules accordingly:

- Motion to Dismiss Charges (on – _____) (filed _____). **Denied as moot.**
- Motion for Reconsideration to Modify Release Conditions (filed _____). **Denied – no legal basis.**
- Motion to Waive Co-Counsel (filed _____). The Court notes this Motion is as to attorney _____. **This Motion was previously granted.**
- Motion not Reduce Charge to "Lesser Degree" (filed _____). **Denied – no legal basis.**
- Motion for Settlement Conference (filed _____). **Denied – the parties can schedule a settlement conference.**
- Motion to Submit into Evidence (filed _____ and December _____). **Striking and denying said Motions.**



COURT OF ARIZONA
COUNTY

- Motion for Full Disclosure – Rule 15 (A, B, 1, 4.5) and (Supplemental Disclosure (E) (filed _____). **Denied as moot.**
- Motion for Change of Judge as a Matter of Right (filed _____). **Denied as untimely under Rule 10(c).**
- Motion for Malicious Prosecution (filed _____). **Denied – no legal basis.**
- Motion for Evidentiary Hearing Rule 32.13 (filed _____). The Court notes the Defendant is requesting a hearing in order for the State to prove that the Defendant has prior felony convictions. **Denied without prejudice.**
- Motion to Amend Charge (Org. Ret. Theft to Shoplifting) (filed _____). **Denied – no legal basis.**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED excluding all time from _____ through _____ (_____ days).

NEW LAST DAY as to all matters: _____

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED affirming prior custody orders.

Matter concludes.

LATER:

IT IS ORDERED granting the Defendant's request to revoke his *pro per* status and appointing _____ as counsel of record for the Defendant as to all matters.

The Arizona Constitution requires the Arizona Commission on Judicial Performance Review to conduct performance evaluations of superior court judges. The Commission is asking for your help to evaluate _____ County _____ Court judges currently undergoing performance review. After your hearing, if the judge you are in front of is undergoing review, a survey will either be given to you by court staff or will be emailed to you and you can take the survey online. The survey is conducted by the _____ at _____ and is anonymous and confidential. Your participation in the review process is important! More information on Judicial Performance Review can be found at www.azjudges.info.

La Constitución de Arizona exige que la Comisión de la Evaluación del
Docket Code 598 Form R000D