

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 25-099

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

July 11, 2025

The Complainant alleged a pro tem justice of the peace did not consider the evidence and did not disclose that he was only a pro tem judge in a civil 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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2025-099

**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.

ON I SUBMITTED MOST OF MY EVIDENCE  
PRIOR TO MY COURT DATE WHICH WAS ON  
THE PRESIDING JUDGE WAS AROUND  
MINUTES AND SECONDS INTO TRIAL THIS JUDGE ASKED  
ME TO BRING FORWARD OF MY DOCUMENTS/EXHIBITS  
SO THAT THE COURT CLERK CAN MAKE COPIES OF THEM.  
EVIDENCE WHICH I HAD SUBMITTED DAYS PRIOR TO  
THIS DATE. COURT EITHER LOST OR MISPLACED MY  
EVIDENCE. THERE IS NO LOGICAL REASON, EXPLANATION,  
OR JUSTIFICATION TO CONTINUE A TRIAL WITHOUT MOST  
OF MY EVIDENCE AND STILL RENDER A VERDICT.  
THIS IS AN IRREGULARITY IN THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
COURT AND HAS DEPRIVED PLAINTIFF OF A FAIR TRIAL  
PURSUANT TO RULE 138(A)(1). THERE HAS ALSO BEEN AN  
ERROR IN THE ADMISSION OR REJECTION OF EVIDENCE,  
PURSUANT TO RULE 138(A)(6) & 138(A)(8). UPON JUDGE  
DISCOVERING EVIDENCE WAS MISSING, LOST, OR  
MISPLACED HE SHOULD HAVE VOLUNTARILY POSTPONE  
CASE FOR A NEW TRIAL DATE. IN THE RULING  
AND JUDGEMENT AGAINST ME ALSO DATED  
HE FINDS I AM LIABLE FOR DEFENDANTS ATTORNEY  
FEES TOTALING

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A FEW WEEKS AFTER TRIAL DATE I, PLAINTIFF  
LEARNED & DISCOVERED IS A  
"PRO TEM" JUDGE. THIS IS SOMETHING WHICH  
MUST BE REVEALED OR DISCLOSED PRIOR TO  
COMMENCING CASE. TO ALL PARTIES INVOLVED IN CASE.  
THIS IS A FUNDAMENTAL ETHICAL REQUIREMENT TO  
ENSURE TRANSPARENCY AND AVOID POTENTIAL CONFLICTS  
OF INTEREST. THIS JUDGE MERELY SAID HE WAS FILLING  
IN FOR THE REGULAR JUDGE BUT NEVER  
DISCLOSED HE WAS A "PRO-TEM" JUDGE. HAD HE DISCLOSED  
THIS VITAL FACT PLAINTIFF, WOULD HAVE IMMEDIATELY REQUESTED  
A NEW TRIAL DATE. WITHIN THE FIRST SECONDS OF AUDIO  
HE FAILED TO MAKE DISCLOSURE. EVERY STATEMENT I HAVE  
MADE IS TRUTHFUL AND HONEST AND CAN EASILY BE VERIFIED  
AND CORROBORATED WITH THE COURTROOM AUDIO RECORDING.  
I AM VERY DISAPPOINTED WITH THIS JUDGE'S ACTIONS  
IN COURTROOM. WHAT I AM SEEKING IS THAT THIS COMMISSION  
WILL "VACATE" THIS UNFAIR & UNJUST JUDGEMENT. THE  
FACT THAT A PERSON HAS A TITLE OF PRO-TEM SHOULD NOT  
EXCUSE THAT INDIVIDUAL FROM FOLLOWING THE RULE OF  
LAW.  
RESPECTFULLY,

# Official Receipt

Receipt Date:

Receipt #:

Cashier:

Register:

Case Title:

Payer Name:

Receipt Remarks:

Payer Address:

CASE NUMBER	RECEIVABLE DESCRIPTION			PAID AMOUNT
	Tap@ Request Fee - Civil eff			
PAYMENT SOURCE	TENDER TYPE	TENDER SUB TYPE	CHECK #/CC AUTHORIZATION	PAYMENT TOTAL
COUNTER	CREDIT CARD	MC		

Total Paid:

Over Payment: \$0.00

Change Due: \$0.00

Balance Due: \$0.00

MOTION

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

CLERK INITIALS: \_\_\_\_\_

Plaintiff(s)  
Name/Address/Phone/Email

Defendant(s)  
Name/Address/Phone/Email

MOTION to VACATE JUDGMENT

RESPONSE TO MOTION

REPLY TO RESPONSE

If you have received this motion you have the right to file a response within ten (10) days from the date this motion was served. Your response must be filed with the court and copies of your response must be served to the other parties as provided by Rule 120 of the Justice Court Rules of Civil Procedure. The court may treat your failure to respond to a motion as your consent that the motion be granted.

I am the  Plaintiff  Defendant

I would like the Court to: VACATE JUDGMENT

"PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LETTER"

I state under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I CERTIFY that I mailed / delivered a copy of the motion to:

Plaintiff at the above address or  Plaintiff's attorney  Defendant at this above address or  Defendant's attorney

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Plaintiff  Defendant

ORDER

After review of the case the Court rules as follows:

IT IS ORDERED GRANTING the motion.

IT IS ORDERED DENYING the motion.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

JUDGE OF THE PEACE

**MAILED**

Case#

Date:

### Motion to Vacate Judgment

CLERK INITIALS:

On \_\_\_\_\_ during my trial, Judge \_\_\_\_\_ asked the courtroom clerk to make copies of eight of my documents/exhibits which consisted of a small portion of my total evidence that was previously timely filed on \_\_\_\_\_. This did not make any sense. There was no logical reason, explanation or justification for this other than my evidence not being present at my trial. This shows that my evidence which was timely submitted, must have been lost or misplaced. Instead of Judge \_\_\_\_\_ declaring a warranted mistrial or calling for a continuance, he knowingly continued trial and rendered a verdict against plaintiff with minimal evidence. This is an irregularity in the proceedings of the court and has deprived plaintiff of a fair trial pursuant to Rule 138-(a)(1). There has also been an error in the admission or rejection of evidence, pursuant to Rule 138-(a)(6). Additionally, pursuant to Rule 138-(a)(8), the court's decision is not justified by the evidence presented at trial, which was almost entirely missing at no fault of my own (Plaintiff, \_\_\_\_\_). I strongly believe a "Pro Tempore Judge", like Judge \_\_\_\_\_ must also follow the rule of law, ethics and impartiality when presiding over a case with knowledge of missing evidence. With these known actions, Judge \_\_\_\_\_ should have recused himself from making a ruling on my Motion to Grant a New Civil Trial filed on \_\_\_\_\_, and should recuse himself from any further involvement in this case. For

**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.**