

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-106

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

July 11, 2025

The Complainant alleged a pro tem justice of the peace was biased in her legal rulings when she advocated for the other side and was rude in an order of protection proceeding.

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).

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.

I am requesting review of the ex parte OOP hearing that was at Justice Court. I feel the following were violated:

Impartiality and Fairness

Although each judge comes to the bench with a unique background and personal philosophy, a judge must interpret and apply the law without regard to whether the judge approves or disapproves of the law in question

Judge appeared to argue on behalf of the defendant in the case (who was not present), she made it known what she disagreed with and I feel the law was applied with regard to her interpretation of the law (filing false reports, etc. did not constitute harassment). She also, even though did rule in favor of two DV incidents, continually questioned how the acts constituted violence or a threat of physical violence and I had to keep repeating that harassment and what was arguable disorderly conduct, did in fact constitute DV under the statute and it did not have to be an actual act or threat of physical violence. At one point, she appeared irritated and said " "

Bias, Prejudice, and Harassment

I believe the judge was biased against me because I was a woman. Facial expressions and body language may convey to parties and lawyers in the proceeding, jurors, the media, and others an appearance of bias or prejudice. A judge must avoid conduct that may reasonably be perceived as prejudiced or biased.

The judge appeared visibly annoyed with me, she was rude, she questioned if I wrote my pleading and she appeared to advocate for the defendant (male) who was not present and was the abuser in this case.

Competence, Diligence, and Cooperation

In disposing of matters promptly and efficiently, a judge must demonstrate due regard for the rights of parties to be heard and to have issues resolved without unnecessary cost or delay. A judge should monitor and supervise cases in ways that reduce or eliminate dilatory practices, avoidable delays, and unnecessary costs.

I requested twice in my pleading that my work address be protected. It was evident that this was very important to me. Judge left my employer off of the OOP as a protected party/address. I have never heard of an OOP where you are not allowed to add your work as a protected address. Due to her demeanor during the hearing, I believe this was done intentionally as she was visibly in disagreement that I be granted the OOP. The two acts that she found constituted DV, the minor children were present/involved and she refused to add them and protect them. I am now required to take time to go back to the court to amend the order to add my work address, which requires taking more time off of work.

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Ensuring the Right to Be Heard

Judge _____ would not allow my mother to speak or be added to the OOP even though she lives with me and was threatened by the defendent. She was very rude and condescending to me and my mother regarding this.

Decorum, Demeanor, and Communication with with Jurors

When speaking with my mother (witness) she was not patient, dignified, or courteous

To date, my OOP has not been served, appearantly it was never sent to the correct court/constable. I am not sure where the mistake happened but the way I was treated by _____ Court, it feels like it could have been intentional.