

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-137

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

July 18, 2025

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge was biased, made improper rulings, and made unprofessional statements in a family law 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 member Scott H. O'Connor did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on July 18, 2025.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name: Judge's Name:

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I have ordered the recording hearings for the following dates
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Formal Complaint Against Judge

I am writing to formally file a complaint against Judge _____, who has demonstrated extreme unprofessionalism and bias during recent court hearings. Throughout the proceedings, Judge dismissed all evidence that was provided, showing a clear disregard for the facts of the case.

Additionally, Judge _____ made several unprofessional statements during the hearings, which further undermined the integrity of the judicial process. His conduct has not only been inappropriate but has also severely impacted the fairness of the trial.

I request that a thorough investigation be conducted into Judge _____ behavior and that appropriate actions be taken to address this matter. It is crucial to ensure that justice is served impartially and with the utmost professionalism.

Thank you for your attention to this serious issue.

Sincerely,

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Formal Complaint Against Judge

I am writing to formally file a complaint against Judge _____ for his conduct during the hearings on _____ and _____.

Most recent hearing on _____ regarding a restraining order served to me on _____. I was already confused about the restraining order as we had just concluded a trial on _____ and were awaiting a ruling.

During the restraining order hearing, I brought a witness to counter _____ false claims that I had waited for him outside the courthouse and smacked him. I wanted to express my concerns to the judge that _____ is lying to manipulate the situation and create a false image of me.

However, Judge _____ dismissed the purpose of the hearing and made a statement that he had received all my emergency orders and generic motions but did not review them because he believed I had not sent copies to _____. When asked, _____ confirmed that he had indeed received all the motions.

I also informed the judge that _____ had lied to obtain the restraining order against me. Judge _____ then remarked that he was sure _____ would not admit to lying under oath. This statement confused me as it seemed the judge was making assumptions rather than clarifying the truth. Furthermore, Judge _____ did not cross-examine my witness, who was present to refute claims.

Additionally, during our court hearings, Judge _____ shared personal experiences regarding a paternity test, which I found unprofessional and irrelevant.

I would like to update, that I received the ruling today _____ where Judge _____ ordered that _____ is to be the primary parent and that our children are to reside with _____. The judge dismissed everything I provided to the courts.

I am deeply concerned about Judge _____ handling of this case and his unprofessional behavior. I request a thorough investigation into his conduct and appropriate actions to ensure fairness and professionalism in the judicial process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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