

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-141

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

August 22, 2025

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge improperly allowed the father to have custody 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).

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on August 22, 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.

Complaint Regarding Judge	Judicial Misconduct
<p>Background: On _____, I was arrested on a misdemeanor endangerment charge. During this time, my two daughters, aged _____ and _____, were taken by _____ and handed over to their biological father, _____, despite my legal custody rights and Judge _____ custodial order. This order explicitly prohibited _____ from transporting or being left alone with the children, citing the risk of irreparable harm, and required him to complete _____ to _____ months of domestic violence (DV) classes prior to any petition for custody.</p>	
<p>Details of Misconduct by Judge _____:</p>	
<p>Failure to Uphold Prior Custodial Order: Judge _____ disregarded Judge _____ custodial order, which prohibited _____ from being alone with the children or transporting them. This blatant violation led to harm and chaos for my daughters and me.</p>	
<p>Unfinished Temporary Custody Hearing: Judge _____ failed to complete the evidentiary hearing for temporary custody but proceeded to issue a ruling without properly concluding the trial process.</p>	
<p>Contradiction on Custodial Interference Motions: After my arrest, I filed three motions regarding custodial interference due to _____ unlawfully taking my children. Judge _____ denied these motions, claiming _____ placed the children with _____. However, in the final order, Judge _____ contradicted himself, stating that _____ obtained the children from _____. Despite this admission, he did not revisit or correct his decisions on my prior motions.</p>	
<p>Vacating a Critical Hearing Without Explanation: I filed a motion on _____, to enforce Judge _____ custodial order. Judge _____ vacated this hearing with no explanation, denying me the chance to address violations and protect my daughters.</p>	
<p>Last-Minute Submission of Report: During the final trial, the court-appointed reporter's report, which was critical to the case, was submitted on the day of the trial rather than the original due date of _____. This denied me adequate time to review and respond to its contents.</p>	
<p>Misrepresentation of My Charges: In the final orders, Judge _____ inaccurately described my charge as "child endangerment," rather than the correct charge of "endangerment," a misdemeanor. This misrepresentation biased the court's perception of me and influenced the decision unjustly.</p>	

