

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-155

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

August 5, 2025

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge made improper legal rulings and did not protect a confidential address 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 allegations of the complaint in this matter solely raised disagreements with legal rulings. The Commission does not have jurisdiction to overturn, amend, or remand a judicial officer's legal rulings. "A good faith error of fact or law does not violate this rule. However, a pattern of legal error or an intentional disregard of the law may constitute misconduct." *See* comment 3 to Rule 2.2 of the Code of Judicial conduct. Any violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct must be proven by clear and convincing evidence.

A mistake in a ruling does not automatically mean that the judicial officer has engaged in judicial misconduct. Judicial officers are required to exercise their discretion in making their decisions. Even if a judicial officer's decision is legally or factually incorrect, the ruling is generally considered to be "legal error" and not "ethical misconduct" that the Commission can address. When a complaint to the Commission solely relates to the correctness of a judicial officer's legal decisions, the Complainant is seeking the Commission to function in the capacity of an appellate court. Correcting legal errors is the role of the appellate courts, not the Commission.

The Commission is a regulatory body with limited jurisdiction. The Commission is not a court, and as such, it does not have any authority to overturn a judicial officer's rulings, intervene in a case, assign a new judge to hear a case, or award any monetary or other relief. The Commission process cannot be a substitute for seeking appellate review.

The Commission reviewed all information submitted by the Complainant 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).

A Duty Panel comprised of Commission members Regina L. Nassen, Scott H. O'Connor, and Christopher P. Staring considered this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on August 5, 2025.

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From:

Sent:

To: Commission on Judicial Conduct <CommissionJudicialCo@courts.az.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Urgent Concerns Regarding Violations of Victims' Rights and Address Confidentiality
(Court)

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Please review below message and let me know if you have any questions.

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From:

Date:

Subject: Urgent Concerns Regarding Violations of Victims' Rights and Address
Confidentiality (Court)

To: <commission@judicialconduct.az.gov>,

To Whom It May Concern:

Regarding: and
Case No.

I am writing to formally express my deep concern regarding the handling of my case by

the Court, which has resulted in significant violations of my rights as a victim, particularly concerning the denial of protective measures, unauthorized modifications to court orders without my presence, and the disclosure of my confidential address to the perpetrator.

Denial of Protective Measures:

Despite my formal requests for victim protection, these were unjustly denied. Under the Arizona Constitution, Article II, Section 2.1(A)(1), I have the right “to be treated with fairness, respect, and dignity, and to be free from intimidation, harassment, or abuse, throughout the criminal justice process.” The court’s refusal to grant protective measures has left me vulnerable and unprotected, directly violating this constitutional right.

Unauthorized Modifications Without Presence:

Furthermore, the court proceeded to modify existing orders without providing me notice or the opportunity to be present. According to Rule 38 of the Arizona Rules of Protective Order Procedure, all parties have the right to be present at hearings where such modifications are considered. By altering orders in my absence, the court has denied me the opportunity to participate in proceedings that directly affect my safety and well-being.

Disclosure of Confidential Address:

As a participant in Arizona’s Address Confidentiality Program, my address is legally protected from disclosure to ensure my safety. However, the court’s actions led to the unauthorized release of my confidential address to the perpetrator, blatantly violating my rights under this program and further endangering my safety.

Violation of Victims’ Rights:

These actions collectively infringe upon my rights as delineated in the Arizona Crime Victims’ Rights Laws, which guarantee victims the right to be treated with fairness, respect, and dignity, and to be free from intimidation, harassment, or abuse throughout the criminal justice process.

Request for Immediate Action:

In light of these egregious violations, I urgently request the following actions:

1. Investigation and Rectification: A thorough investigation into these breaches of my rights and immediate steps to rectify the harm caused.
2. Provision of Protective Measures: The immediate granting of appropriate protective measures to ensure my safety and well-being.
3. Assurance of Non-Disclosure: Implementation of stringent measures to prevent any future unauthorized disclosure of my confidential information.
4. Guidance on Filing Formal Complaints: Direction to the appropriate agencies or bodies where I can file formal complaints regarding these violations by the Court System.

I trust that you will treat this matter with the urgency and seriousness it warrants to uphold the integrity of the judicial system and protect the rights of victims.

Since _____, I have been homeless including my children due to the damages caused by these Judges.

My right to Victim Compensation has nearly surpassed _____ to this point. As a result of these individuals lack of protection; it has jeopardized multiple state ACTIVE investigations; including federal.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this critical issues.

Sincerely,

Operational Healthcare Excellence Consultant

From:

Sent:

To: Commission on Judicial Conduct <CommissionJudicialCo@courts.az.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Urgent Concerns Regarding Violations of Victims' Rights and Request for Assistance

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From:

Date:

Subject: Urgent Concerns Regarding Violations of Victims' Rights and Request for Assistance

To:

To Whom It May Concern:

Case No:

Regarding _____ /

I am writing to formally express my profound concern regarding the handling of signed court orders that were not provided to me or the opposing counsel, _____ . This oversight by the _____ Court has significantly impacted my situation, particularly concerning _____ perjurious claims of homelessness. And my actual homelessness, caused as a result of her intentional and reckless behavior.

If _____ was indeed homeless with the _____ minor children in her care, this situation is even more distressing. Furthermore, _____ has repeatedly committed perjury in court, and the judicial system has permitted such sensitive matters to be exposed, despite my rights and protections as a victim.

_____ County has continued to entertain _____ perjuries in court, including false reports of kidnapping and burglary. The most recent incident involved falsely declaring _____ deceased to extort _____ and assume the loan on his property.

Regrettably, _____ has been aware of each deceitful act and attempt to embezzle _____ property, which now remains vacant and has sustained over _____ in damages caused by _____ .

Despite the injunction against both _____ and myself, this situation remains unjust for both parties and all children involved.

This oversight and the intentional actions permitted by the following individuals have jeopardized lives:

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Each individual should be held accountable for misusing judicial procedures to harm victims, including but not limited to my right to reserve legal representation for these fallacious and intentional acts of violence.

Specifically investigations, and sanctions applied to; Judge _____ & _____ (Retired Attorney) for _____ and _____ for both civil and criminal charges, including the financial compensation that this has caused me and my _____ children.

Currently, there are _____ adults and _____ children who are homeless. This untenable situation demands immediate attention and rectification.

**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.**