

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-162

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

July 29, 2025

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge was biased in legal rulings in a family law matter.

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 29, 2025.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

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I am filing this complaint regarding the handling of my family court case concerning the custody of my child. Throughout the proceedings, I believe there has been significant unfair treatment, procedural errors, and bias by both the judge and court advisor, resulting in an unjust decision that does not reflect the best interests of my child. Despite providing crucial evidence to support my case, my evidence was ignored, and my concerns were dismissed without appropriate consideration.

Key Issues:

Failure to Consider Evidence:

I provided medical records, school records, and phone records that were directly relevant to the custody case, demonstrating why my child should be in my primary care. These records show the child's emotional, physical, and psychological needs, which support my position for primary custody.

Despite submitting this evidence in a timely manner, both the judge and the court advisor failed to review or give due consideration to these materials. The judge's stated reasoning that there was " " and that there was no way for the court to review it is problematic. This reasoning was never communicated to me prior to the hearing, and I was not given the opportunity to adjust or simplify my submissions.

Prejudicial Focus on Unresolved Allegations:

A pending allegation against me was given undue weight in the case, even though it is still being investigated. I feel that the court treated me as though I were guilty based solely on these allegations, despite the fact that I had evidence to prove my innocence and show that I was provoked and abused by the father during our relationship.

This focus on the pending allegation, without the proper review of my evidence, resulted in unfair treatment that overshadowed my actual position and the real best interests of the child.

Bias Toward the Father's History of Abandonment and Misconduct:

The father's history of abandoning his other child and his involvement in neglectful behavior towards his other child's mother was not adequately considered. Despite providing evidence of this pattern of behavior, it was dismissed. The father has a proven track record of being an absent father, which contradicts his ability to provide for the well-being of my child.

The court failed to take into account the father's inability to adequately care for his other children and his lack of involvement in their lives, which should be relevant when considering his fitness as a parent to my child.

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Unequal Treatment and Procedural Disadvantages:

The father was granted multiple extensions on various matters during the case that the father would ignore and not get reprimanded \, while I was not given the same leeway or time to present my evidence, such as character statements. The judge indicated that the father did not have time to review certain materials, but these materials had been in the court's possession since _____ on the day of trial. I even asked the Judge at a hearing if I needed to upload new evidence or provide it to _____ and all the judge advised me was that if it was important she would consider it even if we didn't get it uploaded on the date she requested she said she would still consider things day of trial. Yet when I asked for a few character statements i recieved in _____ on the other party she denied taking them into her evidence, yet they were there for months.

The unequal treatment, along with the failure to give me a fair chance to present all my evidence, resulted in a prejudiced process and a biased decision. Also to add more issues to this the judge on record said Child Support options would be _____ or more if full custody was given to me and _____ if joint as the other party has never provided financial for my son and when she made the orders she allowed him to email the courts saying he did not take the job which is false he was working the job for a few months before he even advised the courts the courts allowed him to skip the affivadit release which I never recieved a copy of anything from the other party what so ever. She then ordered him to pay _____ which was never discussed in court and I feel shows another bias and produceral error on the judges part.

Conclusion:

I believe that the handling of my case has been unfair, and my rights to a fair hearing have been violated. I respectfully request a review of the decision based on the points outlined, specifically the failure to review key evidence, the unjust weight placed on pending allegations, and the bias shown toward the father's history of neglect. I seek a reconsideration of the custody order, as I firmly believe that the current order does not serve the best interests of my child and does not take into account the full scope of evidence available.