

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-163

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

July 29, 2025

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge did not afford an opportunity to be heard in an order of protection hearing.

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.

From:

Sent:

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

Subject: JUDGE LACK OF DECORUM

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To the Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct:

I am filing this complaint against Judge regarding her conduct in connection with my attempt to obtain an Order of Protection against my ex.

On the day of my filing, I first appeared before Judge , who carefully reviewed the seriousness of my allegations—including the fact that my ex falsely reported to my mortgage company that I was deceased. Recognizing the potential danger and urgency of the situation, Judge stated he lacked jurisdiction as the matter was tied to a pending Court case. However, he assured me he would place a professional courtesies call to the Court to ensure I would be heard that same day, acknowledging the gravity of my request.

Upon arrival at Court, I was assigned to Judge . When I began to explain my circumstances—including the falsified death claim to my mortgage lender—Judge abruptly cut me off, stating: “ ” and proceeded to deny my request for an Order of Protection without allowing me to fully present the facts.

I believe this conduct constitutes a lack of judicial professionalism and decorum, as well as a failure to provide a fair hearing. I was denied the opportunity to be heard on a matter involving demonstrable misrepresentation and potential endangerment. Judge dismissal of a serious allegation without allowing a full record to be made is concerning, particularly in the context of a domestic matter under active litigation.

This was not a mere procedural disagreement—this was a judicial officer ignoring the gravity of a documented situation and disregarding another judge’s referral. I respectfully request that this matter be reviewed and addressed appropriately by the Commission.

Sincerely,