

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-188

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

September 5, 2025

The Complainant alleged a justice of the peace did not grant a request for accommodations under the Americans with Disability Act in a protective order 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 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 members Denise K. Aguilar, Roger D. Barton, 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 September 5, 2025.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name: [Redacted]

Judge's Name: [Redacted]

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.

after receiving a PO order of workplace harassment injunction, on [Redacted] I filed for a dismissal of Po hearing with the court in [Redacted] case : [Redacted] to be heard on [Redacted] at [Redacted] in court [Redacted]. Before the hearing I applied for a ADA request on [Redacted] via court services online to court services of [Redacted] County. I received confirmation of request on [Redacted] by [Redacted]. The email stated that the request would be forwarded to a [Redacted] in [Redacted] Court. on the court date of [Redacted] the [Redacted] Court did not accept or decline my request but said to present it in front of Judge [Redacted] before the hearing.

in the request for Ada accommodation I explained that I had a severe [Redacted] illness and needed explanations, I asked for simplified communications extended times or breaks in between the hearing due to stress and modified scheduling possible due to the fact that I could not obtain an attorney to represent me. I have a severe [Redacted] illness that affects my cognitive abilities and I have a [Redacted] injury due to the severe [Redacted] illness. when judge [Redacted] asked me exactly what I needed I tried to communicate these needs to him explaining that I was not able to obtain counsel in time for the hearing and that I was afraid that my [Redacted] illness might delay the hearing process. he basically told me it was no big deal it was just a hearing and I didn't need any of those accommodations. I even asked him if he wanted to see my diagnosis from my psychiatrist who said I was not competent to defend myself and he said no. I had no choice but to proceed with the hearing. I asked for this because [Redacted] had presented the judge with a request for reimbursement for attorney fees for the plaintiff if it was found in favor for them in the case. I had been warned by my therapist that I would not be able to cognitively understand and defend myself adequately in this hearing which could have resulted in me having to pay attorney fees but judge [Redacted] would not Grant my request. the hearing continued on [Redacted] a total of over 6 hours. my caretaker said I had a very difficult time being present and understanding what was going on in the hearing. in the end judge [Redacted] rule that the PO hearing must stand but that there was no damages or defamation to the plaintiff and he would take 5 days to rule on whether I had to pay reimbursement attorney fees for the plaintiff.

judge [Redacted] ultimately delayed that judgment until [Redacted] after [Redacted] informed him that the AG case I had against the plaintiff was dismissed on [Redacted]. the paperwork I have from the judge you can see he crossed out the year [Redacted] and put [Redacted] and there is a section whited out on the amount I had to pay. the judge was aware that I was on SSI and disability and food stamps and that I had substantial payments to make for my living conditions yet he still ruled that I had to pay [Redacted] to the plaintiff for reimbursement of attorney fees. I believe there was collaboration between [Redacted] the judge and the AG in an unrelated case concerning discrimination and that the judge would not rule until the AG case was closed. I also believe this was intimidation for me not to file an appeal with the AG to reopen my case which I did do anyways.

my complaint is that there was a substantial delay in judgment when he stated at the end of the hearing he would rule in 5 days on the reimbursement of attorney fees, I believe there may be an element of collusion between [Redacted] the plaintiff and the AG. I'm including the paperwork however you cannot see the whiteout section on the electronic copy like I can in person. I'm also concerned that my disability rights were violated, and that there was no reason that I should not have had an accommodation for some of the requests I made for the court. I should not have been penalized for delaying the court

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I am presenting the letter of dismissal from the AG along with the judgement order to reimburse attorney fees, an email request form that I sent to the courts prior to the hearing for a DA accommodation.
thank you for your time.

JUSTICE COURT

Plaintiff, Vs Defendants	Case No:	Hearing Notice- INJUNCTION AGAINST WORKPLACE HARRASMENT POST-ISSUANCE HEARING
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This matter has been continued for a HEARING on:

 at **in COURT ROOM** at the above address.

Date: _____

Clerk: _____

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify a copy of the foregoing was mailed to the Plaintiff and Defendant on:

Clerk's Signature





OFFICE OF THE ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL

ATTORNEY GENERAL

CIVIL LITIGATION DIVISION
DIVISION OF CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION

CHIEF COUNSEL

Dismissal Notice

To:

Re.
CRD No.:
EEOC/HUD No.:

The Division of Civil Rights Section is closing its file on this charge.

Based upon its investigation, the Division of Civil Rights Section concludes that the information obtained is not sufficient to establish violations of the statute(s). This does not certify that the Respondent is in compliance with the statute(s). No finding is made as to any other issues that might be construed as having been raised by this charge/complaint. The notice of Charging Party's appeal rights is included on the following page.

On behalf of the Division,

Chief Counsel

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Attorneys for Plaintiff

IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF COUNTY
THE STATE OF ARIZONA

CASE NO:

v. Plaintiff,
Defendant,

JUDGMENT

Agent:

Pursuant to this Court's Order to Maintain the Injunction Against Workplace Harassment, and Plaintiff's Application for Attorney Fees,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Judgment is entered for Plaintiff and against Defendant as follows:

Attorneys' Fees: \$ _____

Interest accrues on the fees at the rate of ~~8.75%~~ ^{8.50%} per annum from the date of this

Judgment until paid, pursuant to A.R.S. §44-1201(B).

DONE IN OPEN COURT this ____ day of _____,

Judicial Officer Pro Tempore
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