

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-200

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

August 13, 2025

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge was biased against him because he is a different race and self-represented in a civil 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 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 member Delia R. Neal did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on August 13, 2025.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name:	Judge's Name: Hon.
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COMPLAINT AGAINST JUDGE – HON. _____ Case: _____
(_____ County Court, _____)

I am filing this complaint to document what I believe to be clear judicial misconduct and a pattern of procedural bias by Judge _____ during my civil litigation in the above-captioned case. On _____, Judge _____ held a hearing during which he dismissed multiple defendants from my lawsuit based solely on procedural technicalities. At that hearing, he openly stated on the record that he " _____ ' not to dismiss the case yet he did so anyway. He then admonished both parties to strictly comply with procedural deadlines going forward.

I followed those instructions precisely. I timely filed responses, lodged tribunal rulings and employment documentation, and moved to strike a procedurally defective and late Motion to Dismiss filed by Defendant _____. That motion was submitted by email on _____ and later " _____ ' with a _____-page improper refiling on _____ after the court deadline. I objected immediately with a Motion to Strike, citing the missed deadline and the expanded record. My motion was denied.

Despite the Court's own prior admonition to strictly enforce deadlines, Judge _____ excused the defense's late and defective filing and dismissed my claims against Defendant _____ just _____ days later without addressing the substantial evidence I lodged. These included:

- 1) Two separate tribunal rulings in my favor;
- 2) Dismissal of criminal allegations by the _____ County Attorney's Office;
- 3) Signed employment documents and termination records from institutions affected by the Defendants' conduct.

Judge _____ did not acknowledge or engage this evidence in his ruling.

The unequal treatment is clear:

- 1) My filings were procedurally correct and timely but dismissed or ignored.
- 2) Defense counsel violated deadlines and filing rules and were excused.
- 3) Judge _____ ultimately dismissed the case based on filings that were defective and procedurally improper.

This behavior undermines the appearance of impartiality required under Canon 2 of the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct. As a self-represented _____ civil rights plaintiff, I experienced unequal treatment in the courtroom that strongly suggests bias whether conscious or unconscious against my pro se status or background. I do not bring this complaint lightly. But I believe Judge _____ actions violated his obligation to administer justice fairly and to apply the law equally, regardless of whether a party is represented by counsel or appearing on their own behalf. I ask the Commission to conduct a confidential review of these events to preserve public confidence in Arizona's courts.

Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct
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Judge's Name:

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In addition, Defendant corrected Motion to Dismiss improperly relied on exhibits drawn from a separate federal action that is currently under appeal in the . These documents are not final, are still under judicial review, and may be reversed. Nevertheless, the trial court accepted and appeared to rely on these unresolved and externally-sourced materials as justification to dismiss my claims at the pleading stage. This violates Rule 12(b)(6) limitations and further undermines the fairness of the proceeding, as the Court effectively prejudged my case using evidence from an unresolved, unrelated proceeding that is still pending at the federal appellate level.

COVER LETTER

Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct

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RE: Complaint Against Hon.

Case No.: () – **County** **Court**

To Whom It May Concern:

Please find attached my Judicial Misconduct Complaint concerning the conduct of Hon. _____, who presided over my civil matter in the above-captioned case. I am a self-represented civil rights plaintiff and believe that Judge _____ conduct raises serious concerns about the impartial and equal administration of justice.

The complaint outlines multiple examples of procedural unfairness and unequal enforcement of rules that disadvantaged me, despite my full compliance with court deadlines and procedures. These include the dismissal of my claims without proper consideration of my responses and evidence, while excusing defective and untimely filings submitted by defense counsel. The judge's own statement “ _____ ” followed by his continued dismissal of my claims, further undermines confidence in the fairness of the proceedings.

I understand that the Commission does not reverse court decisions, and I have separately filed a Notice of Appeal to preserve my legal rights. This complaint is submitted to address conduct that I believe violates Canon 2 of the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct and to ensure that all litigants, especially those from marginalized backgrounds, receive fair and equal treatment under the law.

I respectfully request that the Commission review the attached materials and consider conducting a confidential investigation into this matter.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully,
/s/

The following exhibits support my Judicial Misconduct Complaint regarding Hon. _____
in _____, _____ County Court Case No. _____:

- **Exhibit 1** – _____ Minute Entry (Court admonishes all parties to strictly follow procedural rules) and _____ Order (Court contradicts its own instruction by accepting Defendant’s untimely filing and denying Plaintiff’s Motion to Strike)
- **Exhibit 2** – Plaintiff’s Response to Defendant _____ Motion to Dismiss (_____)
- **Exhibit 3** – Plaintiff’s Motion to Strike Defendant _____ corrected Motion to Dismiss (_____)
- **Exhibit 4** – Defendant _____ Defective Motion to Dismiss (_____ – _____ pages) and Corrected Motion to Dismiss (_____)
- **Exhibit 5** – Plaintiff’s Notice of Lodging (_____), including:
 - Tribunal exoneration rulings
 - Dismissal of criminal allegations by the _____ County Attorney’s Office
 - Signed employment documents and termination letters
- **Exhibit 6** – _____ Order dismissing claims against Defendant _____ without addressing Plaintiff’s lodged evidence

**Exhibit 1 – Minute Entry (Court
Admonishes Strict Procedural Compliance)
and Order (Contradictory Acceptance of
Late Defense Filing)**

**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.**