

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-201

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

August 13, 2025

The Complainant alleged a justice court hearing officer was racially biased in dismissing a small claims 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:

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.

I filed a small claim case to dispute the charges improperly imposed by _____ under the name of _____ at _____ Hoa. _____ is assigned as the hearing official. I went to the court in person on _____ but the other party, _____ joined the hearing through phone. When I entered the court room and greeted _____ first, I can feel that she does not want to talk to me. I thought that maybe as a hearing official, she wants to keep a fair altitude. After the hearing started, _____ asked me to first present my claims. After my presentation, instead of directly asking _____ to present his claims, _____ started to chat with _____ on the phone first. She even made a small joke with him. Although she did not say any illegal words, I was still completely shocked by her super-friend altitude to _____ which is in contrast to her altitude to me really like a judge to a criminal! Is it because I am an _____ with accent and _____ has the name of a _____ who speaks fluent English? Although there are only two of us in the court room without any witness, the court recording should have all her contents.

After _____ completed his presentation, I started my rebuttal but _____ immediately stopped me and announced her judgement. She dismissed my case with prejudice using the reason of "_____. I do not understand how she came to that statement. As shown in the attached judgement, I did sue _____ instead of _____. Even if she is correct, should she dismiss my case without prejudice and allow me to refile the case with the correct entity? It is clear that _____ intended to kill my case completely! Encouraged by her behavior, _____ further imposed another _____ management fees to my account even though _____ did not grant him while the original disputed amount is only _____.

I think back and forth. The only explanation for _____ behavior is that she is a racist! She hates _____ I strongly suggest the commission to investigate the cases she worked on before which involve _____ and see if her judgements are always against _____. If yes, we should bar her from the legal system.