

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-215

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

August 22, 2025

The Complainant alleged a justice of the peace improperly dismissed the case for only finding one allegation of harassment in an injunction against harassment 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 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 member Cathy Riggs did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on August 22, 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.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT

On _____, I submitted to the _____ Justice Court and was granted an Injunction Against Harassment for being threatened with physical bodily harm per ARS 13-1202(A)(1). This IAH also included my _____ year old mother, since we live in the same residence.

I am not related to nor in any sort of relationship with the person the IAH was directed against. Per the guidelines I researched, that precluded me from filing an Order of Protection. The only other option available was an Injunction Against Harassment since there is no form I could find titled Injunction Against Threatening/Intimidating.

The Defendant hired an attorney for this and other pending litigation against him and filed for a hearing to dismiss the IAH. This hearing occurred on _____ before Judge _____.

Judge _____ not only dismissed my IAH but made me feel as if I was the one who wronged someone, instead of the victim. She essentially re-victimized me in her courtroom. In my case, Judge _____ temperament toward me was of disgust and in no way promoted the essence of ACOJC Canon 1, Rule 1.2, Comment 5. Instead of being treated as a victim, her manner was more like I wasted her time.

As far as dismissing my IAH, Judge _____ looked as far as the word "harassment" and for more than 1 incident. Finding only 1 listed, her mind was already made up at that point. The breach of ACOJC Canon 2, Rule 2.2, Comment 1 was to such an extent that she should of had her Clerk call me at home and give me her ruling. Me and my mother were railroaded out of her courtroom so fast it would of saved us the trip. Furthermore, I was biased under Rule 2.3(A) since I chose to Self-Represent and the only Right to be Heard under Rule 2.6 was after the swearing in. My mother will attest to the fact that Judge _____ did not allow me one moment to speak my case. According to her ruling, I would have to be Threatened/Intimidated 2-3 times to get protected on any IAH. I do not feel she researched or looked into the reason there was only 1 incident listed. The statute for

Threatening/Intimidating does not stipulate that a “series of events” must occur as is the case with the normal Harassment statute.

To add insult to injury, Judge [redacted] blamed her Pro Tem for granting the IAH. She stated if it was her at the bench that day it would have been denied from the jump. My feeling is that the Pro Tem judge did right by me and my mom and had more of an open-mindedness as to why it was filed under an Injunction of Harassment opposed to an Order of Protection than Judge [redacted]. Additionally, after stating this, Judge [redacted] granted the Defendant reimbursement of attorney fees from myself.

The Commission may regard my reason for filing this complaint being due to my IAH being dismissed by Judge [redacted] whom I realize is a member of the Commission. The reason for my complaint is because not only am I unprotected from what little an IAH provides, but so is my [redacted] year old mother.

The contempt toward me, a victim of threats from an ex-felon with a history of assault, from Judge [redacted] still has me baffled. More so after seeing her as a member of the Commission. My belief is Judge [redacted] predetermined my case and went along with Defense counsel, not allowing for any alternative, in complete disregard of the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct rules forementioned.

Hopefully, an unbiased and impartial member of the Commission will review and act of my complaint. With Judge [redacted] on the Commission and the complaint being against her, I am not expecting much of an outcome.