

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 25-229

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

August 22, 2025

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge failed to timely determine a party lacked standing 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).

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on August 22, 2025.

## Judicial Conduct Complaint

To:

Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct  
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Subject: Complaint Against Judge \_\_\_\_\_ — Improper Allowance of Non-Party  
Participation

Your Name:

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_ — \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Court

I am filing this complaint regarding Judge \_\_\_\_\_ handling of civil case  
in \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Court.

Throughout this case, Judge \_\_\_\_\_ allowed \_\_\_\_\_ to participate as a co-plaintiff,  
despite her lack of legal standing. From the beginning of this case, \_\_\_\_\_ was named  
alongside \_\_\_\_\_ and was allowed to act as if she had equal footing in the matter,  
including during mediation, phone conferences, and at the bench trial held on \_\_\_\_\_.

However, in the final ruling dated \_\_\_\_\_, the Court determined that \_\_\_\_\_ is not  
an owner of the property involved, is not a beneficiary of the shared well agreement, and  
therefore has no standing in this case.

It is my belief that Judge \_\_\_\_\_ should have clarified this issue long before trial. Proper  
judicial diligence would have identified \_\_\_\_\_ lack of standing and resulted in her  
dismissal from the proceedings prior to trial. Instead, she was permitted to cross-examine  
witnesses and influence the proceedings in a manner that I believe was highly  
inappropriate and prejudicial to my defense.

Had the court followed proper procedure, \_\_\_\_\_ could have participated only as a  
witness for \_\_\_\_\_ — her boyfriend — rather than as a party with rights under the  
agreement. This unauthorized participation likely influenced the court's decisions, including  
the \_\_\_\_\_ ruling awarding \_\_\_\_\_ in attorney's fees.

I respectfully request that the Commission review Judge \_\_\_\_\_ conduct in this matter for failure to properly manage party standing and courtroom procedure.

Sincerely,

Date: