

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-234

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

December 16, 2025

The Complainant alleged a justice of the peace improperly yelled and denied an order of protection. Complainant also alleges Respondent had a conflict of interest in the 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 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 Michael J. Brown and Delia R. Neal did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on December 16, 2025.

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From:

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To: Commission on Judicial Conduct <CommissionJudicialCo@courts.az.gov>

Subject: Subject: Formal Complaint Against Judge

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Office of Judicial Conduct

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to file a formal complaint regarding the conduct of Judge _____ during a recent hearing involving my daughter's petition for an Order of Protection. The hearing took place on _____ at _____ courthouse.

As a mother and a professional with the State's _____ I am appalled at how the hearing was handled. I attempted to be present in the courtroom to support my daughter, _____, who was visibly distressed and traumatized while attempting to recount deeply painful experiences. When I identified that she was struggling emotionally and asked to sit beside her for support, Judge _____ shouted at me and ordered me out of the courtroom. His demeanor was not only unprofessional, but hostile and dismissive.

Moreover, I believe Judge _____ decision to deny the Order of Protection was unjust and lacked due consideration of the serious and substantiated threats to my daughter's safety. The defendant in this case is currently incarcerated and is facing criminal proceedings scheduled for _____. He has a documented history of violence against my daughter — including kidnapping her at gunpoint, killing her dog, stalking her at her place of employment, destroying her property, and throwing her out of their shared residence. Despite these facts, Judge _____ dismissed her petition without what I believe to be appropriate judicial care.

I also wish to express concern about a potential conflict of interest. I understand that Judge _____ has a personal relationship with the defendant's stepfather. This relationship may have unduly influenced his conduct and judgment during the proceedings.

The process of seeking protection through the courts should not result in further trauma. Unfortunately, my daughter left the courtroom feeling retraumatized, invalidated, and unsafe. As a parent and a public servant, I am deeply disturbed by the behavior and apparent bias demonstrated by Judge _____.

I respectfully request that your office investigate this matter. Survivors of

abuse must be able to rely on the integrity and impartiality of the judicial system. It is imperative that judges maintain professionalism, fairness, and empathy — all of which were egregiously absent in this case.

Please confirm receipt of this complaint and advise on the next steps for formal review.

Sincerely,