

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-272

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

October 22, 2025

The Complainant alleged a city court judge improperly found probable cause, denied counsel, and improperly convicted her of misdemeanor charges.

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 allegations of the complaint in this matter solely raised disagreements with legal rulings. The Commission does not have jurisdiction to overturn, amend, or remand a judicial officer's legal rulings. "A good faith error of fact or law does not violate this rule. However, a pattern of legal error or an intentional disregard of the law may constitute misconduct." *See* comment 3 to Rule 2.2 of the Code of Judicial conduct. Any violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct must be proven by clear and convincing evidence.

A mistake in a ruling does not automatically mean that the judicial officer has engaged in judicial misconduct. Judicial officers are required to exercise their discretion in making their decisions. Even if a judicial officer's decision is legally or factually incorrect, the ruling is generally considered to be "legal error" and not "ethical misconduct" that the Commission can address. When a complaint to the Commission solely relates to the correctness of a judicial officer's legal decisions, the Complainant is seeking the Commission to function in the capacity of an appellate court. Correcting legal errors is the role of the appellate courts, not the Commission.

The Commission is a regulatory body with limited jurisdiction. The Commission is not a court, and as such, it does not have any authority to overturn a judicial officer's rulings, intervene in a case, assign a new judge to hear a case, or award any monetary or other relief. The Commission process cannot be a substitute for seeking appellate review.

The Commission reviewed all information submitted by the Complainant 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).

A Duty Panel comprised of Commission members Regina L. Nassen, Scott H. O'Connor, and Christopher P. Staring considered this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on October 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.

To Whom This Concerns,

I want this report on record for the safety and well-being of my child with special needs and myself.

We were not present in person re this judge. However, this judges initial decisions based on " cause impacted further judges decisions that followed suit thereafter.

This beina said, my child with special needs and myself suffered greatly at the hands of these judges in the municipal court.

Judge decision, impacted judge , which ultimately impacted judge magistrate

My child with special needs has suffered greatly at the hands of these men, alongside city prosecution, and law enforcement who allowed, permitted and excused crimes being committed against us both. My child had to witness and suffer through court proceedings because of these men, placing her in a more devastating and compromised state regarding her emotional and mental health concerning alone.

These judges have contributed to hell and suffering for both my child with special needs and myself of which should be held accountable by law.

I will be filing a separate complaint re the magistrate, considering his choices and decisions impacted my family the most alongside law enforcement and prosecution.

Please begin, to hold your judicial men, accountable for their conduct, their behavior and their choices and decisions as they are negligent and damaging for innocent women and children like my child with special needs and myself.

Warmly and God Bless,

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