

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-287

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

September 5, 2025

The Complainant allege a superior court commissioner was biased in his family law 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 members Denise K. Aguilar, Roger D. Barton, Regina L. Nassen, and Christopher P. Staring did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on September 5, 2025.

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2025-287

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.

Judge _____ has shown extreme disregard for my children's safety throughout this entire case. I had to file an emergency order due to my ex-wife (_____) changing our kids' school without any agreement from me nor a court order. Judge _____ denied the rule 48 therefore allowing my kids to go from one school to the other school each week for 4 weeks. That decision allowed huge amounts of stress on my kids as they were confused and didn't want to go to the new school. She then heard the case and ruled that my ex-wife was in violation of the court order. However, she didn't discipline her or make her pay attorney fees. She was simply told that she violated the court order, and the kids would remain at the current school. She was allowed to violate the court order with no consequences. Then I brought up the issue of alcohol abuse. Judge ordered for her to take a urine test. Two tests came back positive for _____ Which later proved that she was flushing her system. She was then ordered to test 2x a week until she was clean for _____ days. She continued to test positive or flush her system. The judge allowed this to go on for a year with no intervention and the custody to remain 50-50. Which put the kids in danger. The judge then had our daughter interviewed by _____. Our daughter told _____ of her mom's drinking problem and mental abuse. She told that her mom drinks every day, that she will drive with them after drinking and even pass out during the day to where our daughter would have to take care of our son. Judge _____ still did not intervene and still allowed our kids to remain in danger. She even said in court that she believed _____ to be drinking on the weekends and holidays and then other times flushing her system. Yet nothing was done about it. We had to go to court for review hearings to address this ongoing issue which caused huge amounts of attorney fees for me. I had to file another emergency order because my ex-wife took them to the drug/alcohol testing facility days after the judge ordered her not to. I was granted custody at this time. We had a hearing for the child support to which _____ testified under oath about her income being different than the last time we went over that issue which was _____ months prior. Judge _____ allowed there to be another hearing so she could update her income. The next hearing _____ didn't submit any evidence at all to support her claim. Once again Judge _____ allowed her to lie under oath. We asked for attorney fees since there was no need for an additional hearing since she didn't provide anything, and the judge denied it. I got full custody around _____. The judge didn't start making her pay child support until _____ of _____. The judge told _____ for the months of _____ through _____ she had to pay manually until the income withholding letter went through to her employer and that she was required to pay the child support amount or as close to it as she could. The judge told her if she didn't pay the amount she would suspend her driver's license. fine her. or put a warrant out for failure to pay child support. I didn't receive any child support for _____ and half of _____. The next hearing we brought this issue before Judge _____. She didn't do any of the the sanctions that she mentioned. Instead, she just added the amount she owed to an already past due arrears. Once again, my ex-wife was allowed to violate the court order with no consequences. Recently my ex-wife had filed contempt of court against me. One of the phases in our settlement agreement was confusing to which both _____ and I weren't sure about. During that hearing we both testified that we didn't know what the order meant. The order stated, " _____ . However, it wasn't clear on which _____ the visits were to take place. Even with the confusion the judge found me in contempt or court and awarded _____ attorney fees. _____ has been allowed to violate numerous court orders with no consequences nor having to pay attorney fees. to mention the ongoing hearings that were held due to her constant failing of the alcohol tests. Since these hearings have started, I have followed every single court order to the best of my ability. Yet the first hearing where there is confusion

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on what it meant I was ruled in contempt. Also, I got with my attorney as soon as it became an issue as well as _____ did with hers. After the issue was brought up, we both met with our own attorneys and corrected the issue that following _____. By the time the court hearing came I had already started giving her make-up visits which further proved I didn't willingly violate the order. The judge still found me in contempt and awarded her attorney fees. _____ had been given multiple chances throughout the case as well as allowed to violate the order with no consequences. And yet I was not afforded this same courtesy. Which shows that Judge _____ showed bias towards one side over the other. This whole process it has appeared that Judge _____ has shown favoritism towards _____ and hasn't held her accountable on any of her actions. Yet held me to a high standard that even an honest mistake I am disciplined. There was a time when we were working on getting _____ supervised visitation and Judge _____ ordered me to contact HER family to see if they would do it. That shouldn't have been my responsibility as it was _____ visits not mine. Forcing me to contact my ex-wife's family was extremely unprofessional and stressful. Judge _____ knew that our divorce was contentious therefore I shouldn't have had to contact family. The judge also ordered me to pay 50% of _____ supervised visits which included a high-risk fee because, once again, she couldn't follow the Supervising Agency's rules. The judge also became aware of her constant rule breaking during the supervised visits but didn't hold her accountable for her behavior. After our daughter spoke to _____ that the judge ordered, Judge _____ had ordered us not to speak with our daughter about anything she had said during that interview. I fully complied because I thought it was important for our daughter to know that what she said would be protected. _____ did not comply with that order. She instead would harass our daughter and insult her about what she said during that interview. It was even noted in a few of her supervised visits that she would be whispering to our daughter which was a violation of the rules anyways. But after I had picked up the kids from the visit my daughter would tell me that her mom would whisper in her ear and would aggressively ask her why she said all those things about her. This caused a huge amount of stress and anxiety to my daughter. My attorney brought it before Judge _____ that she was doing that, but she didn't do anything about it. There is persistent show of gender bias with Judge _____ in my case by not holding _____ accountable for any of her actions. She has not done what's best for my children. There were also suicidal comments made by _____ stating that she would kill herself and take her kids with her. There was plenty of evidence to support those claims. I had a statement by her own roommate and good friend that he wrote me due to how concerned he was for the children. There was the same comment _____ made in _____ in a police report that the neighbor had reported hearing her say. Then I found a _____ comment she made from her account saying that she has wanted to kill herself. All this was brought before Judge _____ yet she refused to act on it. It put my kids in great danger, and I feared for my kid's safety when they were with her. This lack of holding _____ accountable time and time again has shown the failure on behalf of Judge _____. Her inability to act could have had serious consequences for my kids. I believe she needs to step down as judge for the safety of others.

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CLERK

COURT

By:

ARIZONA COURT, COUNTY

HON.

CASE NO.

COURT REPORTER: Digitally Recorded Courtroom -

DATE:

, Esq. counsel for Petitioner

Petitioner

and

In Proper Person

Respondent

MINUTE ENTRY

ORDER TO APPEAR RE: PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY ORDERS REGARDING ENFORCEMENT OF JOINT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING FOR ANY CHANGE OF CHILDREN'S SCHOOL:

Both parties are present.

Petitioner's Exhibits 1 through 23, and Respondent's Exhibits A through L, each more fully described on the attached list, are identified.

and are sworn.

moves to invoke the Rule, which motion is granted and is sworn, admonished and excluded from the courtroom.

FOR THE PETITIONER

previously sworn, testifies.

Petitioner's Exhibits 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, and 12 are admitted.

Petitioner's Exhibits 2, 7, 11, 13, 14, 18 and 23 are admitted over objection.

Petitioner rests.

FOR THE RESPONDENT

, previously sworn, testifies.

Respondent's Exhibits A and H are admitted.

Respondent's Exhibits B, C, D and G are admitted over objection.

, previously sworn, testifies.

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Date:

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Respondent rests. All sides rest.

THE COURT FINDS that the Respondent is in violation of the prior Court order.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that attendance at _____ is in the best interest of the minor children based on prior attendance by both minor children, established relationships with the faculty and friendships.

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

1. The minor child shall attend _____ until further order of the Court.
2. The Respondent may have a third-party pick up the minor children from school during her parenting time only, so long as the Respondent notifies the Petitioner as to who will be picking up the minor children from school, including their name and contact information.
3. The Respondent shall submit to random ETG testing. A separate Order issued.

The Court denies the motion for random drug testing for the Petitioner.

A Review Hearing shall be set by separate In Chambers Order.

The Court takes the issue of temporary orders under advisement.

There being no objection,

IT IS ORDERED that all exhibits that have been marked for identification and not offered for admission into evidence are to be released by the clerk to respective counsel.

In the event there are more than fifteen exhibits, counsel/parties shall submit their exhibits to the Clerk's Office for pre-marking no less than one week prior to the hearing date. If you are appearing telephonically, **all exhibits**, regardless of the number, shall be submitted to the Clerk's Office no less than one week prior to the hearing date. If the exhibits are for a Contested Protective Order hearing or a Family Law Temporary Orders hearing, **all exhibits** shall be submitted to the Clerk's Office no less than three days before the hearing date. Exhibits should be placed in the large brown drop-box located next to the glass double doors on the eighth floor of the _____ Court building. For any questions regarding **exhibit marking or submission only**, please contact (_____)

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Deputy Clerk

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Date:

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Please review the attached instructions regarding submission of exhibits for trial/hearings effective

Any questions regarding exhibit marking or submission only, please contact ()

FILED IN COURT: Exhibit Release (2).

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cc: Hon.

Esq.

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Clerk of Court - Exhibits Unit
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