

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-290

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

December 16, 2025

The Complainant alleged a justice of the peace favored the opposing party's attorney and made belittling comments in an eviction 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 member Michael J. Brown 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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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.

I o the Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct,

Subject: Formal Complaint Regarding Improper Judicial Demeanor of Judge

Case Name:
Case Number: Eviction Action Complain (Special Detainer)
Date of Incident

I am writing to file a formal complaint against Judge _____ for his improper demeanor towards me during a recent court proceeding. As a litigant with no prior experience in court, I found Judge _____ conduct to be intimidating and prejudicial. His actions did not reflect the patience, dignity, and courtesy that are expected of a judicial officer.

I would like to bring the following specific examples to the Commission's attention:

1. Disparate Treatment in Identical Scenarios:

During the hearing, two nearly identical technical issues occurred. Judge _____ response to each was strikingly different, demonstrating a clear disparity in his treatment of me versus the opposing counsel.

Scenario 1: I was muted and did not realize it. Judge _____ addressed me in a manner that I perceived as rude and impatient.

Scenario 2: The lawyer who is suing me was also muted and did not realize it. In this instance, Judge _____ was patient and courteous while alerting the lawyer to the issue.

I his difference in temperament was immediately apparent and created an impression of judicial bias against me.

2. Unprofessional and Demeaning Remarks:

At one point in the proceeding, I was addressing the court regarding the matter at hand and stated that I would pay what is owed. In response, Judge _____ made the unneeded and unprofessional remark,

This comment felt like an attempt to belittle and berate me in front of a crowd, rather than a necessary part of the judicial process. Remarks of this nature from the bench undermine the fairness of the proceedings and are contrary to a judges duty to remain impartial.

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Conclusion and Request for Review:

Throughout the hearing, Judge _____ overall demeanor towards me was impatient and discourteous. I do not believe I was treated in a manner befitting a citizen before the court.

I believe the entire interaction is on video, as it was a government proceeding. A review of this footage will substantiate my claims and provide a clear picture of Judge _____ improper demeanor.

I respectfully request that the Commission investigate this matter thoroughly. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,