

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 25-317

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

October 3, 2025

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge did not follow the law in a family law matter.

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 member Denise K. Aguilar did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on October 3, 2025.

**FORMAL JUDICIAL COMPLAINT**

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**COMPLAINANT INFORMATION**

25-317

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

**CASE INFORMATION**

Judge: Hon.

Court: County Court – Family Department

Case Number:

Is the case still pending?  Yes  No

Attorneys: (Petitioner’s Attorney), (Pro Se)

Witnesses: , and ,

Do you understand the Commission cannot reverse court orders or assign a new judge to your case?  Yes  No

**AFFIRMATION**

I affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing information and the allegations contained in the attached complaint are true.

Signature: /s/

**Date:**

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## STATEMENT OF COMPLAINT

I am submitting this complaint under the authority of the Arizona Constitution and the rules of the Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct to report grave and ongoing misconduct by **Judge** in **Case No.** in the County Family Court. Her repeated abuse of judicial discretion, failure to apply binding law, and enforcement of a void visitation order without statutory jurisdiction violate multiple canons of judicial conduct and constitutional protections.

Judge has shown deliberate indifference to **parental rights, due process, and binding precedent**, and her conduct reflects judicial bias, incompetence, or willful defiance of her ethical duties. She must be **reprimanded and removed from further involvement in this case immediately**.

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## BASIS FOR THE COMPLAINT

Judge :

- Continues to enforce a **visitation order** without having made the **mandatory jurisdictional finding** required under **A.R.S. § 25-409(C)**;
- **Excluded both fit, legal parents** from parenting time, despite acknowledging their rights were never severed;
- **Refused to recognize legal parents as parties**, even after they were legally restored to full custody;
- Failed to rule on jurisdictional challenges and constitutional objections raised in prior filings, while making misleading statements on the record that such objections were “not accepted”;
- Claimed there was no precedent for this scenario, ignoring **Troxel v. Granville**, 530 U.S. 57 (2000), and **McGovern v. McGovern**, 201 Ariz. 172 (App. 2001), both of which prohibit overriding the decisions of fit, unified parents;
- Continues to issue orders, status conferences, and enforcement threats based on a **void legal order**, with full knowledge that there is **no lawful basis to impose third-party visitation** over parental objection without a finding of significant impairment to the child.

This is not judicial error—it is a sustained, deliberate misuse of the bench to favor a third-party over both legal parents.

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## VIOLATIONS OF LAW AND JUDICIAL CANONS

Judge \_\_\_\_\_ conduct violates:

- **Canon 2.2** – A judge shall uphold and apply the law and perform all duties fairly and impartially;
  - **Canon 2.4(A)** – A judge shall not permit family or other interests to influence judicial conduct;
  - **Canon 2.5(A)** – A judge shall perform all judicial duties competently and diligently;
  - **A.R.S. § 25-409(C)** – Requires a judicial finding of impairment before visitation may be granted over parental objection;
  - **U.S. Constitution, 14th Amendment** – Procedural and substantive due process;
  - **Arizona Constitution, Art. II, §§ 4 and 8** – Due process and right to privacy in family life;
  - **A.R.S. § 1-602(A)(2)** – Affirms the fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing of their children.
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## EXHIBIT A – Motion to Dismiss (Prepared and Pending Filing)

Attached is **Exhibit A**, my **Renewed Motion to Dismiss Petition for Grandparent Visitation**, which I have filed in Family Court Case No. \_\_\_\_\_.

. This motion is submitted solely as evidence to this Commission of the underlying legal facts, court rulings, and misconduct already committed by Judge \_\_\_\_\_.

The motion contains:

- Direct citations to judicial rulings made by Judge \_\_\_\_\_ ;
- Full legal argument showing why the \_\_\_\_\_ visitation order is **void for lack of jurisdiction**;
- Evidence of the Court’s **exclusion of both legal parents** from participation and parenting time;
- Citations to controlling constitutional and statutory authority ignored by the Court;

- References to judicial canons that have been violated.

It was filed on \_\_\_\_\_, the attached motion is an accurate and complete legal statement of the constitutional violations already committed by Judge \_\_\_\_\_ and was formally submitted to the \_\_\_\_\_ Court.

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## RELIEF REQUESTED

I respectfully request the Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct:

1. **Reprimand Judge \_\_\_\_\_** for her repeated violations of constitutional rights, statutory mandates, and the Code of Judicial Conduct;
  2. **Immediately disqualify and remove Judge \_\_\_\_\_** from any further proceedings in Case No. \_\_\_\_\_;
  3. **Refer this matter for further review or formal discipline** if Judge \_\_\_\_\_ continues to enforce jurisdictionally void orders, deny due process to legal parents, or suppress constitutional filings by falsely treating them as “procedurally flawed”;
  4. **Issue a written response clarifying whether a family court judge may enforce third-party visitation over unified parental objection in the absence of a finding under A.R.S. § 25-409(C)**—which would help protect not only my family, but similarly situated families across Arizona.
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Submitted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ .

Signature: /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

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Self-Represented Litigant

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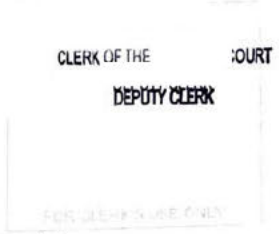
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Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Representing  Self, without a Lawyer or  Attorney for  Petitioner OR  Respondent

**COURT OF ARIZONA**  
**IN COUNTY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Petitioner/Party A

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Atlas Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Respondents renewed motion to dismiss  
Third-party visitation with prejudice

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Respondent/Party B

Explain what you want the Court to order. The Judge may grant, deny, or change your request (or "motion"). A ruling will be issued by "minute entry."

I have typed my motion to dismiss, third-party grandparent visitation petition. The motion and exhibits are

Attached to this cover sheet.

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NUMBER IN YOUR REQUEST.**