

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-341

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

November 21, 2025

The Complainant alleged a superior court commissioner made improper rulings, failed to allow cross examination, and had improper tone.

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 Delia R. Neal did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on November 21, 2025.

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I understand the Commission does not have jurisdiction to review the substance of a judge's decision or to overturn rulings, intervene in an ongoing case, remove a judge from a case, or award monetary damages. I am not asking for any of those outcomes. This complaint concerns documented procedural failures, omissions, and conduct that fall under the Commission's authority to investigate.

This complaint arises from my experience as a self-represented Petitioner in a domestic violence protection order and child custody case against Respondent . The alleged judicial misconduct occurred between and in the County Court before Judge

1. Omission of Admitted Evidence from the Record:
On during the contested hearing for my Order of Protection (OOP), I submitted five exhibits (P11, P12, P31, P32, and P40). The transcript confirms that all five were admitted without objection, yet the minute entry falsely states that only three were admitted. This omission materially affected the judicial record and integrity of the proceedings which she referenced in response to "Motion to Reconsider"

Failure to Document Known Violations of the OOP:
At the same hearing, Judge verbally acknowledged that violated the OOP twice (and messages). These violations were not recorded in the minute entry and were never enforced. I later filed a Motion to Hold in Contempt, which has never been ruled on.

Suppression of Evidence After Admittance:
I submitted a Third Amended Petition on which Judge accepted as additional evidence. Judge referenced that evidence on the record on but later claimed on that the court could not consider it. This is a direct contradiction and violates due process. I also don't believe she reviewed it because she deemed it ' but the dates were all within the past 12 months. With one exception of a text where he states "

What the iudae is now claiming is: "
' This contradicts: Rule of Judicial Conduct 2.2 – "A judge shall uphold and apply the law fairly and impartially." Due process , I was never told the evidence wouldn't be reviewed or that it would be dismissed based on a date range. Standard evidence procedure, Once accepted into the record, it must be weighed, unless the judge explicitly strikes it (which she didn't). The Court accepted my Third Amended Petition and confirmed on the record that it would be considered as part of the evidence. This petition included vital documentation related to criminal threats and pursuing criminal charges, danger to the children, and escalation of the abuse pattern. Despite acknowledging this evidence, the Court later stated it would not consider anything submitted 'after the hearing. No formal ruling was issued to strike or exclude this evidence. This constitutes procedural inconsistency, violates my right to fair consideration, and calls into question the accuracy and neutrality of the Court's final ruling.



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Undocumented Modification of Protective Order:
 On _____, Judge _____ stated she could not include our shared child _____ on the OOP due to custody proceedings, but the order was amended to remove all _____ children without stating this in the minute entry or on the record. She later claimed on _____ that she removed the children based on audio review. No signed order was entered until _____, and AZPOINT indicates an unserved protective order was generated on _____. There is no minute entry for _____ to clarify what ruling occurred.

Surprise Ruling at Unscheduled Hearing:
 On _____, Judge _____ stated she would issue a written ruling within 60 days. Instead, she used a temporary orders hearing on _____ to suddenly reopen and rule on the OOP, without notifying anyone in advance. This deprived me of notice, preparation, and my right to be heard. I still never received the audio she based her ruling on despite filing a motion to be able to listen to the audio submitted and objected by me on _____.

Permitting Perjury and Denying Cross Examination:
 During the _____ hearing, Judge _____ allowed the Respondent to deny all allegations of suicidal ideation and abuse, despite my submission of multiple exhibits showing suicidal threats, self-harm, and verbal abuse. She did not challenge these contradictions. She also allowed him to cross-examine me, but I was not permitted to cross-examine him, nor did she allocate time for me to rebut his testimony or late-submitted flash drive (Exhibit 6). Exhibit 40 includes suicide threats, self-harm, and references to our child '_____'.

' A judge cannot ignore a party lying under oath when there is corroborated and admitted evidence to the contrary. At minimum, she should have ruled on credibility or referred the matter for prosecutorial review for perjury.

Failure to Enforce Firearm Surrender Requirements:
 The protective order issued under ARS § 13-3602(G)(4) included a firearm surrender clause. Despite my repeated filings documenting the Respondent's failure to surrender his weapons, and confirmation from law enforcement that the Brady indicator was present but left unchecked, Judge _____ failed to enforce the surrender provision. There is no signed or docketed order reflecting firearm enforcement, nor a minute entry addressing my filed motion on this issue. Despite documented and repeated violations of a court-issued Order of Protection, at least one of which involved firearm non-surrender under ARS § 13-3602(G)(4), Judge _____ failed to document the violations in the official record, failed to respond to a filed motion for contempt, and knowingly permitted the respondent to remain noncompliant. These omissions violate the Arizona Judicial Branch's 2024–2029 Strategic Plan (Section 3.4), which explicitly mandates enforcement protocols for firearm surrender and compliance tracking in domestic violence cases. The court's failure to act contradicts state policy, endangers protected parties, and erodes public trust in the judiciary.

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Failure to Record Vacated EDCM Ruling:
On _____ Judge _____ verbally vacated the EDCM (Early Domestic Case Management) order, after I submitted extensive documentation about mediation misconduct and ignored abuse disclosures. Despite this verbal ruling to vacate, no minute entry or docket entry was created, and my subsequent motion requesting that the vacated EDCM be formally documented was never ruled on.

Courtroom Tone and Judicial Intimidation:
Judge _____ questioned my emotional tone and asked that I avoid " _____ " despite my testimony concerning _____ years of documented sexual, physical and psychological abuse during pregnancy and after that was so severe it mimicked health conditions like cancer in my body. I submitted statements from health providers, medical records and testimony. Her tone discouraged me from speaking truthfully and in full context as a trauma survivor.

Contradictions in the _____ Motion to Reconsider Ruling:
Judge _____ claimed that criminal charges referenced in my filings were submitted only after the contested hearing. This is not accurate. These charges were included in my Third Amended Petition submitted _____ which the court accepted, and also reiterated in my Motion to Reconsider. Both documents detailed the respondent's escalation, including gun waving and threats to shoot the cats while caring for our children, specific abuse events that occurred in _____ and _____ I also referenced this in my contested hearing testimony, along with my lethality assessment. I never gave the severance of rights case number but it was on the minute entry- proving that she saw the evidence and reiteration of pending criminal charges for felony level sexual assault and child endangerment.

Judge _____ dismissed these allegations as untimely or irrelevant, which is contradictory, as she had already referenced the _____ evidence in court on _____. Her ruling on _____ reversed course without acknowledging that she had reviewed and accepted the content into the record.

Failure of Judicial Administration and Gatekeeping by Staff:
After raising multiple concerns about omissions, errors, and inconsistencies in the record, I attempted to contact the Clerk of Court directly. I was advised to escalate the matter to a judicial administrator, but was instead redirected to Judge _____ assistant. This assistant did not respond to 90% of my submitted concerns and failed to provide clarity or documentation despite my respectful and documented efforts. I believe this internal gatekeeping deliberately prevented correction or review of serious judicial omissions, including missing minute entries, unsigned orders, and Brady-related enforcement. (These issues follow previously documented failures listed as points 1 through 9 above.)

I am the Petitioner and mother of the _____ minor children affected by this Order of Protection. I filed for the OOP due to escalating abuse, suicidal threats, firearm access, and post-separation coercion. I represented myself in all proceedings referenced above.

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Judge _____ engaged in willful misconduct in office by failing to record five admitted exhibits from the hearing and omitting two protective order violations she acknowledged on the record. She accepted and referenced my Third Amended Petition on _____ which included documented suicide threats, firearm threats, and a text stating the respondent " _____ " yet dismissed it as irrelevant in a _____ ruling authored by her assistant, in violation of Canons 2.2 and 2.6. My Third Amended Petition also included testimony that the respondent escalates at each legal separation point, and that I could not safely pursue criminal charges without including the children on the protective order. Judge _____ failed to enforce ARS § 13-3602(G)(4), even after the Brady indicator was marked, police confirmed it was visible when served, and no docketed firearm surrender order exists. Though the assistant claimed a new OOP was signed on _____ it was not docketed until _____ and no minute entry or transcript reflects a clear explanation of what was modified. She allowed the respondent to cross-examine me but denied me the same opportunity, admitted surprise audio I could not hear or access, and cited it to justify removing the children. She did not rule on multiple motions including my Motion to Reconsider, Motion to Hold in Contempt, Motion to Clarify, and Motion to Document the vacated EDCM. She permitted perjury when the respondent denied suicidal ideation and abuse under oath despite evidence in Exhibit 40, screenshots sent to the court and mediator, and his history of suicidal behavior, including whipping himself and waving a firearm around the children. She failed to document or rule on her _____ decision to vacate the EDCM and to modify the OOP. These omissions, contradictions, and failures to act place me and my children at continued risk of harm and directly undermine the function of the Order of Protection. My Motion to Reconsider included a lethality assessment tool from the Arizona judicial website identifying me as high risk for lethal violence. I was told on _____ that a ruling would be issued within 60 days, yet the surprise _____ ruling was never properly entered, and her _____ ruling contradicted the record. Her assistant failed to respond to 90% of my written concerns and my repeated transcript requests over three weeks were never fulfilled. Judge _____ failure to enforce the protective order, enforce firearm surrender, ensure compliance, and rule on critical motions reflects willful misconduct, persistent failure to perform judicial duties, violation of Canons 1, 2, and 2.6, and conduct that brings the judiciary into disrepute by endangering the life of a known domestic violence victim in direct conflict with the 2024–2029 Arizona Judicial Strategic Plan.

I respectfully request that the Commission initiate a formal investigation into Judge _____ conduct as outlined in this complaint. I ask the Commission to consider a recommendation to the Arizona _____ Court for disciplinary action up to and including censure or removal, and to ensure appropriate judicial training and monitoring in accordance with domestic violence enforcement policies. I further request that this matter be reviewed in light of ARS § 13-3602(G)(4), due process standards, and the Arizona Judicial Branch's 2024–2029 Strategic Plan obligations to victims of domestic violence.

This complaint is not filed as an appeal, but as a formal grievance regarding repeated judicial misconduct that directly compromised the fairness, legality, and transparency of my protective order proceedings.

Supporting Documentation – Exhibit Guide:

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Exhibit A – Transcript of _____ Hearing
Confirms 5 exhibits admitted, violations acknowledged, perjury ignored, unequal treatment of testimony. Pages 7-32

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Exhibit B – Minute Entry from _____
Shows omissions: only 3 exhibits listed, no violations recorded.
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Exhibit C – Motion to Hold in Contempt (_____)
Documents request for enforcement; never ruled upon.
Page 35

Exhibit D – Motion to Correct Record & Judicial Irregularities (_____)
Addresses evidentiary contradictions, _____ omissions, firearm enforcement.
Pages 37 & 38

Exhibit E – Third Amended Petition (_____) and minute entry
Contains criminal charges and gun threats; accepted then dismissed as “irrelevant.”
Pages 39-40

Exhibit F – _____ Ruling
Misrepresents timing and contents of evidence; contradicts prior rulings.
•Page 41

Exhibit G – Docket Entries that directly contradict statements and papers in file- Brady box not checked . Pages 42 & 43

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Exhibit H – Motion to Document Vacated EDCM Ruling
Verbal ruling on _____ never added to record or ruled upon.
Motion to Strike EDCM - pages 44-46

Exhibit I – Clerk/Staff Email Correspondence or Public Safety Statements
Shows failure to address inconsistencies or respond to complaints. Page 47

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Exhibit J – Audio Submissions (Pending)
To be submitted; court transcripts and records in general have not been provided in full despite multiple requests and even a motion to compile the file since the Clerk of Court could not due to “unsigned motions” page 48

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