

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 25-355

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

October 10, 2025

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge failed to hold a criminal accountable for his actions.

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 10, 2025.

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**2025 - 355**

**COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE**

Name:

[Redacted]

Judge's Name:

[Redacted]

**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.

My son was severely assaulted in [Redacted] in [Redacted]. He was walking to his car with a few friends two random males attacked my son. Attacked him from behind punching him. He slammed his head on the asphalt. ~~My son~~ These two individuals then robbed a young lady that was part of the group. My son [Redacted] was rushed to the Hospital, [Redacted] with a possible brain bleed he was kept in INTENSIVE CARE for several days. My wife and I received medical bills totaling over [Redacted] dollars. We were advised by prosecutor that this criminal would be indicted for felony assault and would definitely spend time in prison. The ER physician that treated my son stated who ever did this to your son should be charged with attempted murder!

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I am writing the Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct because Judge [redacted] allowed this criminal to walk no time in jail. Zero. My son today still suffers the repercussions of this attack today. He has [redacted] and has lost his sense of [redacted]. The [redacted] police did not want to arrest this individual. 3-4 witnesses saw the attack they even took pics of [redacted] and license plate. Months went by [redacted] police would not pick up the guy. I advised them to this guys driving history to locate the peop. This criminal lives in [redacted] driving [redacted] with [redacted] plates can not registered in AZ. Now Judge [redacted] gives this criminal a pass. I have also file a complaint with the [redacted]