

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 25-366

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

October 14, 2025

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge failed to be impartial and did not follow the law in a 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 Colleen E. Concannon, Joseph C. Kreamer, and Regina L. Nassen did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on October 14, 2025.

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# COMPLAINT TO THE ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

## Complainant Information:

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Case Number:

Court: County Court

Judge: Hon.

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## I. SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT

This complaint concerns a pattern of judicial conduct by Hon. that raises serious concerns under the **Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct**, as well as constitutional due process protections. Specifically, Judge :

1. Held a hearing on , without adequate notice or service, and without allowing the complainant remote or physical access, resulting in a default judgment;
2. Issued a **purge order** without factual findings regarding complainant's ability to pay, contrary to controlling law;
3. Relied on disputed allegations of employment and income, despite the existence of **sworn third-party evidence** to the contrary;
4. Allowed an **unauthorized expansion of the trial scope** based on an order docketed just **one hour before the hearing** without prior service or opportunity to respond.

These actions implicate multiple violations of Canons 1.1, 2.2, 2.6, and 2.9 of the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct, and reflect conduct that undermines public confidence in the judiciary and fairness of proceedings.

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## II. DETAILED FACTUAL BASIS

### 1. Failure to Provide Notice or Access to Hearing ( )

Judge conducted a hearing on , which led to the issuance of a substantial judgment and purge order. The complainant, a pro se litigant residing in with documented medical needs, was:

- Not served with the motion that expanded the hearing scope;
- Not provided any remote access information (e.g., Zoom or phone);
- Unaware of the trial until it had already occurred.

This is documented in the **Affidavit of Non-Service (Exhibit G)** and violates Canon 2.6 (Right to be Heard) and the due process requirements in *Mathews v. Eldridge*, 424 U.S. 319 (1976).

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## 2. Improper Issuance of a Purge Order Without Ability-to-Pay Finding

The purge order was issued without any finding or evidence regarding the complainant's ability to pay. No financial affidavits, income verification, or medical evidence were considered.

This violates:

- **Canon 2.2** (impartial application of law),
  - *Cook v. Cook*, 142 Ariz. 573 (1984), which prohibits punitive purge orders without such findings.
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## 3. Reliance on Discredited Employment Information

The Court based its rulings on a claim that was employed by .  
However, Respondent's own exhibits include:

- A **sworn affidavit** from CEO stating unequivocally that has never been employed or paid by the company.
- **RFA responses** from attorneys confirming no employment or contract relationship.

This constitutes a violation of:

- **Canon 2.9** (considering only proper evidence),
  - *Cummings v. Cummings*, 182 Ariz. 383 (App. 1994) (barring speculative income attribution).
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## 4. Late Docketing of Order Expanding Scope of Trial

A critical order expanding the trial scope ( ) was:

- Not served or distributed prior to the hearing;
- Not docketed until **on the day of trial.**

This procedural breakdown rendered the proceeding constitutionally defective. The Commission should consider this an integrity violation under:

- **Canon 1.1** (promoting confidence in the judiciary),
  - **Canon 2.6** (ensuring parties have a full opportunity to be heard),
  - *Ford v. Ford*, 240 Ariz. 356 (App. 2016).
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## 5. Appearance of Bias and Disparate Treatment

Judge :

- Disregarded the complainant's verified medical hardship (e.g., and MRI evidence);
- Referred to medical-related travel as "vacation";
- Ignored over 400 job applications filed by complainant;
- Overturned prior rulings of other judges without hearing or legal authority.

These issues are detailed in the **Motion to Disqualify** and violate:

- **Canon 2.3** (demeanor and neutrality),
  - *Caperton v. Massey Coal Co.*, 556 U.S. 868 (2009) (bias or appearance of bias requires recusal).
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## III. CANONS AND STANDARDS VIOLATED

- **Canon 1.1** – Failing to uphold public confidence in the judiciary
- **Canon 2.2** – Failure to apply the law impartially
- **Canon 2.3** – Inappropriate demeanor or disparagement
- **Canon 2.6** – Denial of right to be heard
- **Canon 2.9** – Reliance on improper or unverified evidence

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