

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-368

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

October 30, 2025

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge was biased but failed to recuse, improperly threatened contempt, and failed to accommodate disabilities.

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 Denise K. Aguilar and Colleen E. Concannon did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on October 30, 2025.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name: Judge's Name:

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Judicial Complaint –
Name:
Judge's Name:
Court: County Court – Division (Family Court)
Case Name:
Case Number:

Statement of Judicial Misconduct
I am filing this complaint due to a pattern of judicial misconduct, hostility, bias, and repeated violations of my constitutional rights as a pro se litigant and medically disabled mother in the above-captioned family law case. Judge _____ has demonstrated behavior that is not only inappropriate for a judicial officer, but harmful, retaliatory, and in clear violation of the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct.

1. Retaliation, Hostility, and Abuse of Authority
Judge _____ threatened me with jail and issued a warrant for my arrest simply because my children—ages _____ and _____—were terrified to get into their father's vehicle. They were emotionally distressed and refusing to leave my home, not because of any action on my part, but because of their own trauma and fear. Instead of recognizing the situation as a complex matter of child welfare, Judge _____ treated it as criminal defiance and demanded my children be physically forced into compliance. She stated she would “squash the warrant” if I surrendered my sons on the following _____ placing me under extreme duress and psychological harm.

2. Denial of Due Process and Improper Contempt Ruling
Judge _____ issued a contempt ruling against me without any supporting evidence—despite acknowledging in open court that no exhibits were submitted. She referenced a false history of contempt in _____ and _____, when the contempt does not exist and the _____ matter was dismissed. This false characterization harmed my credibility in court and contributed to further biased rulings.

3. Failure to Review Evidence and Judicial Neglect
Judge _____ admitted on record that she had not read key evidence or written testimony prior to ruling. She proceeded anyway—without rescheduling the hearing—denying me the fair consideration of my evidence. This lack of preparation is a clear breach of judicial responsibility and professionalism.

4. Violation of Disability Accommodations
I have multiple documented disabilities including chronic _____, _____, and _____ and am under ongoing neurological, cardiological, and primary care. Judge _____ never inquired or accommodated for these disabilities. Her courtroom conduct exacerbated my trauma and placed me at ongoing psychological and medical risk.

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5. Lack of Neutrality and Conflict of Interest
Judge _____ is aware that I have filed both a formal appeal of her ruling with the Arizona and a _____ complaint regarding her conduct. Despite this, she remains on the case. Her ongoing role creates a clear conflict of interest and potential for retaliation.

Relief Requested
I am requesting that the Commission investigate Judge _____ for judicial misconduct, particularly her abuse of discretion, hostility, failure to review evidence, improper contempt rulings, and violations of ADA rights and due process. Her actions have significantly harmed me and my children, and I no longer feel safe or protected under her jurisdiction.

Closing Statement
I am not filing this complaint lightly. I am a mother, not a lawyer, navigating this system alone while caring for two sons with serious medical needs and enduring the weight of a legal process that has disregarded my humanity. Judge _____ conduct has not only violated my legal rights but endangered my children's well-being, denied them access to medical care, and inflicted lasting emotional damage. I am requesting intervention not out of anger, but out of necessity. The integrity of our courts depends on accountability. I ask that this Commission uphold its duty to protect the public from judicial abuse, and ensure that no one else is subjected to the harm my family has endured under Judge _____ bench.

Respectfully.