

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-407

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

November 21, 2025

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge failed to follow the law in a criminal 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 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 Joseph C. Kreamer 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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In the following, I will outline in detail and provide supporting documentation showing that _____ County _____ Court Judge, Honorable _____, did repeatedly violate the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct by her willful and persistent misconduct in office, failure to perform duties as a Judicial officer, and flagrant disregard for the law. The actions I will detail here show clear and convincing evidence that Judge _____ conduct severely diminished public confidence in the judiciary and demonstrates her continued failure to preserve the integrity of the judicial process while creating a clear and unacceptable appearance of impropriety.

To make the following information as clear and concise as possible, I will list each Rule of Judicial Conduct Judge _____ violated, followed by information and documentation in support of each claim.

I. RULE 1.1 Compliance with the Law

A. Failure to comply with Ariz. R. Crim. P. 17.3 et seq.

During the sentencing proceeding pertaining to a felony conviction in _____, the Trial Court Judge, _____

(previously _____) appeared severely confused as to the identity of the alleged victim of the offenses for which she would be sentencing me. She falsely stated the identity of the alleged victim, and by doing so, shows a complete lack of attention and understanding as to very important elements of an offense for which she intended to sentence me to a very lengthy term. See Appendix A - Sentencing Transcript. Both the indictment and investigation report provided during the discovery process clearly indicate and/or describe in detail the victim of each of the alleged offenses for which Judge _____ would be sentencing me. Contrary to Judge _____ misidentification of the victim, _____ was NOI the victim of any offense for which I was being sentenced.

Additionally, during the entirety of the sentencing hearing, Judge _____ continued to allow this false narrative to be bolstered by the prosecution, several witnesses, and even my own defense attorney as each of them incorrectly describe or allowed to be described the offenses charged having been perpetrated against the wrong victim (_____) without objection or correction. See Appendix A. As a point of fact, I was never indicted for any such offense against this individual, nor did I commit any such offense against this person.

Not only does it appear that the defense, the prosecution and Judge _____ were thoroughly confused as to what crime was committed against whom, but how can someone such as

myself, who was heavily medicated at the time (See, State v. Ross, 2025 Ariz. App. Unpub LEXIS 149, 2025 LX 82103, 2025 WL 502579 (Ariz. Ct. App. February 14, 2025)), be expected to fully comprehend what was happening, let alone, accept a plea that also (unknownst to me at the time) lists the wrong victim and was required to be knowingly, understandably and voluntarily made? See, Appendix B - Plea Agreement.

The inaccurate information provided in the plea agreement and reinforced by the prosecution, my own defense counsel and primarily Judge _____, also left the record without an adequate factual basis to support my conviction. Furthermore, the trial judge in any criminal case is required under Ariz. R. Crim. P. 17.3(b), to independently verify the correctness of any proffered plea agreement and that facts exist to substantiate the charges for which the defendant pleads guilty. See, State v. Salinas, 181 Ariz. 104, 887 P.2d 985 (Ariz. 1994) ("Before entering judgement on a guilty plea, the trial court must determine whether a factual basis exists for each element of the crime to which the defendant pleads.") Judge _____ failed in every way to determine an immensely important element - such as who the victim is - of the crime for which I was pleading to and subsequently convicted and sentenced me to crimes that never occurred.

Judge _____ had every opportunity during the nearly () years she presided over my case to review and "independently

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