

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-433

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

December 23, 2025

The Complainant alleged a superior court commissioner was racially biased by making improper rulings 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 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).

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on December 23, 2025.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name: _____ Judge's Name: _____

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.

In Petitioner's Affidavit of Attorney's Fees and Costs filed on _____ my attorney at the time asked for _____ The Judge (_____) ordered that the _____ respondent pay _____ In the most recent request for attorney's fees by the respondent's attorney. _____ he requested _____ and the Judge (_____) has ordered me, the biracial _____ petitioner, to pay all fees. In addition, the respondent's attorney, _____ did not follow the proper procedure for requesting fees. He did not file a motion for an award of attorney's fees (see attached email).

I derive two conclusions from the above: 1) That Judge _____ is engaging in gendered-racism and victim blaming; and 2) That Judge _____ may have a connection to _____ which is why he did not ask him to follow the protocol established by the court for requesting attorney's fees (the same protocol that my attorney did have to follow).

When I requested an order of protection, I followed the proper protocol for doing so and my request was approved by a judge. I have concerns for my safety that are documented. In addition, the respondent has a history of criminal and abusive behavior that are documented. I tried to submit these to the court, but the judge did not allow it. The order of protection was a reasonable, precautionary measure to protect myself from my abuser. I believe that the judge sided with my abuser because of my race and gender.

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1 message

To:
Cc:

Dear _____ :

I am writing to follow up Respondent's Affidavit of Attorney's fees which was filed with the Court on _____. Will you please let me know if Judge _____ requires anything further from this office in order to rule on the Affidavit of Attorney's fees. I just noticed that I did not file a Motion for an Award of Attorney's fees. That may be the problem. Please let me know how the Judge wishes me to proceed. Thanks in advance.

*** This signature block does not constitute a signing for purposes of Arizona Family Rule 69 ***

Please also note (1) email communication is not a secure method of communication; (2) any email that is sent to you or by you may be copied and held by any or all computers through which it passes as it is transmitted; and (3) persons not participating in our communication may intercept our communications by improperly accessing either of our computers or another computer unconnected to either of us through which the email has passed. I am communicating with you by email with your consent. Please advise me immediately if you do not wish to continue to use email for communication. This email message and any attachments contains information which is confidential and privileged and protected by the attorney-client privilege, is covered by the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, 18 USC 2510-2521, and is legally privileged. Unauthorized review, use, disclosure or distribution is strictly prohibited. Unless you are the addressee (or authorized to receive for the addressee), you may not use, copy or disclose to anyone the message or any information contained in the message. While precautions are taken against computer viruses, I believe that this e-mail and any attachments are free of any virus or any other defect that might affect any computer system into which it is received and opened. It is the responsibility of the recipient to ensure that it is virus free