

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-439

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

November 21, 2025

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge was biased and unfair 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).

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on November 21, 2025.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name: Judge's Name:

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I am writing to formally lodge a complaint regarding the conduct of Judge _____ in relation to the case concerning my parental rights and custody of my children, Case No. _____ heard in _____ and _____. I believe Judge _____ actions and rulings in this matter have been unfair, biased, and have ultimately failed to serve the best interests of my children.

Summary of the Complaint:
Throughout the proceedings, Judge _____ has demonstrated behavior that I believe is indicative of bias and a lack of thorough review of the evidence presented in the case. Specifically, I am concerned with the following points:

- 1. Unfair Ruling and Hypocritical Expectations:**
Despite my compliance with all therapeutic interventions and requirements mandated by the court, Judge _____ has continued to label me as a " _____ " and made negative comments regarding my efforts, even after I fulfilled all necessary requirements. The judge has ordered that I stay away from my children, yet simultaneously imposed conditions that would only be achievable with joint legal decision-making—a situation where my input and cooperation were not allowed. This conflicting approach has created an unfair and untenable situation for me and the children.
- 2. Bias and Lack of Impartiality:**
From the very first hearing, I observed troubling signs of bias. Judge _____ greeted the petitioner's lawyer as if she knew her from a previous career, which raised concerns about impartiality. Furthermore, during the proceedings, Judge _____ made negative remarks about _____ despite the evidence presented that supported his position. These actions suggest that the judge did not approach the case with an open mind or a fair evaluation of the facts.
- 3. Failure to Review Evidence Thoroughly:**
I believe Judge _____ did not take the time to review the evidence presented throughout the hearings. The court advisor, who found issues with certain aspects of the case, highlighted concerns that I feel were not adequately addressed by the judge. This failure to fully consider all available evidence has, in my opinion, led to an unjust outcome.
- 4. Inadequate Representation of Children's Best Interests:**
_____ the Best Interest Attorney, also performed poorly in representing the interests of my children. Her actions and decisions did not seem to be guided by a genuine concern for their well-being, and I feel that this contributed to the flawed decisions made by the court.
- 5. Failure to Address Issues and Address Bias:**
I have made every effort to cooperate with Judge _____ orders and to do what is necessary for the well-being of my children. However, it appears that Judge _____ is either unable or unwilling to see the progress I have made, and instead remains blinded by bias and negative assumptions. This has significantly hindered my ability to make meaningful progress in this case.

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6. During the hearing, Judge _____ made a remark about me being a truck driver and “
_____” This comment minimized the financial strain I am under. My income as a truck driver is not guaranteed and varies depending on fuel costs, miles driven, and time away from home. She fails to acknowledge any of the progress I have made with my children regarding family therapy visitations and continues to not see that I am only trying to spend time with the children while making my best effort in trying to complete the family therapy that I have tried to set up but was unable too as the father kept delaying the progress hence why I kept going back to seek _____ help but she completely made it worst.

Request for Action:

Given the serious nature of these concerns, I respectfully request that the [appropriate body or commission] investigate Judge _____ conduct and decision-making in this matter. I believe a full review of the case and the judge's actions is necessary to ensure that justice is served and that the best interests of my children are properly considered. Additionally, I request that the issue of bias be thoroughly examined, as it seems to have played a significant role in the handling of this case. I Understand that the court cant reverse her action but hopefully hold her accountable for possible issues in the future in other cases.