

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-440

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

November 21, 2025

The Complainant alleged a justice of the peace failed to follow the law and was rude.

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 November 21, 2025.

2025-440

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 Case _____, County Justice _____ abused judicial power and committed discriminatory conduct which deliberately violated the Defendant's 1st and 14th Amendment rights by illegally adopting a protective order.

In the case referenced, _____ failed to follow the Arizona Rules of Protective Order Procedure (ARPOP) to issue an Injunction Against Harassment (IAH) against the Defendant without a hearing. Instead of following the rules of the injunction, in his reason for issuing an IAH, he cited ARS 13-2916. This is a criminal statute that has no bearing on the definitions or scope of the order issued. In fact, the proper rule explains that expanded definitions can be found in other state laws if the jurist were confused, none of which include ARS 13-2916. Further indicating the Judge's deliberate application of the incorrect law, he adopted a wholly insufficient ruling based on a statement included by the Plaintiff which failed to include necessary information to meet the requirements of ARS §12-1809.

In the statement provided, no "events and dates of the acts constituting the alleged harassment" were included by the Plaintiff. Instead, there were vague allegations, none of which articulated a specific date to a specific event that qualifies under §§C. The judge failed to ensure this basic adequacy was met because of the clearly indicated misapplication of criminal statutes.

The relief sought in the case was to prevent further contact with a protectee. The judge in this case instead adopted extraordinary relief violative of Defendant's 1st Amendment rights by ceasing "all posting calling for action against plaintiff". The action being referenced indicates the judge has concocted his remedy to the alleged set of facts, neither of which were ever in existence in the original complaint. Instead, the judge fabricated a finding to support a gross misapplication of the law violative of Defendant's most essential rights. Defendant is an independent journalist, arguing against police corruption. This judicial order is a clear act of retaliation under ARS §12-751 in response to journalistic activities by the Plaintiff, and apparently by the biased Court in this case.

in this case fails to establish basic legal authority or credibility by finding violations of criminal statutes without any supporting evidence, due process, or facts. This shows a clear bias towards law enforcement in granting protective orders. This practice is intentional, as indicated by misapplication of criminal statutes in a civil matter with its own definitions and processes.

This judge is intemperate, uninformed, and clearly willing to abuse judicial authority to violate individuals' rights, simply because a police officer claims he is harassed. _____ actions clearly indicate malicious or grossly negligent intent, in either case demonstrating incompatibility with the authority of a jurist.

This judge has no credibility in retaining authority under the law given his decades of experience in practicing law and committing such egregious errors in basic judicial orders.

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See attached Exhibit 1

County

Justice Court/

INJUNCTION AGAINST HARASSMENT

Amended Order

Sexual violence—no service fee

State Case No.

Case No.

Court ORI No.

County State

PLAINTIFF

First

Middle

Last

PLAINTIFF IDENTIFIERS

Plaintiff's Date of Birth

And on behalf of any minor family member or other Protected Person listed below. (List name and DOB.)

V.

DEFENDANT

First

Middle

Last

Defendant/Plaintiff Relationship: _____

Other (describe) _____

Defendant's Address: _____

DEFENDANT IDENTIFIERS

| SEX | RACE | DOB | HT | WT |
|----------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| EYES | HAIR | <i>Arizona Prohibits Release of Social Security Numbers</i> | | |
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | | | |
| DRIVER'S LICENSE # | STATE | EXP DATE | | |
| <input type="text"/> | AZ | <input type="text"/> | | |

Estimated Date of Birth

CAUTION: Weapon Alleged in Petition

WARNINGS TO DEFENDANT: This injunction shall be enforced, even without registration, by the courts of any state, the District of Columbia, any U.S. territory, and may be enforced by Tribal Lands (18 U.S.C. § 2265). Crossing state, territorial, or tribal boundaries to violate this injunction may result in federal imprisonment (18 U.S.C. § 2262). **Only the court, in writing, can change this injunction.**

This injunction is effective for one year from date of service.

County Justice Court, Court Hours: Monday - Friday 8AM - 5PM

THE COURT HEREBY FINDS THAT:

It has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter.

Defendant received actual notice of this hearing and had an opportunity to participate.

THE COURT, finding reasonable evidence of harassment or that great or irreparable harm would result if this injunction is not granted before Defendant can be heard in opposition, and there are specific facts attesting to efforts to give notice to Defendant or there are reasons why notice should not be given, **HEREBY ORDERS:**

NO CRIMES. Defendant shall not commit any act of harassment (A.R.S. § 12-1809(T)) or sexual violence (A.R.S. § 23-371) against Plaintiff or Protected Persons.

NO CONTACT. Defendant shall have no contact with **Plaintiff** except through attorneys, legal process, court hearings, and as checked: Phone Electronic (email, text, etc.) Mail Other: _____

NO CONTACT. Defendant shall have no contact with **Protected Persons** except through attorneys, legal process, court hearings and as checked: Phone Electronic (email, text, etc.) Mail Other: _____

Case No. _____

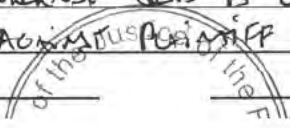
Case No. _____

THE COURT FURTHER ORDERS:

PROTECTED LOCATIONS. Defendant shall not go to or near Plaintiff's or Protected Person's:

- Residence (confidential)
- Workplace (leave blank if confidential): _____
- School/other: _____

OTHER ORDERS. DEF. is ordered to have no contact with Plaintiff or his wife by any means. DEF. is ordered to cease all posting relating to Plaintiff or his wife.



Date _____ Judicial Officer _____ Printed Name _____

WARNING: This is an official court order. If you disobey this order, you may be arrested and prosecuted for the crime of interfering with judicial proceedings and any other crime you may have committed in disobeying this order.

NOTICE: If you disagree with this injunction, you have the right to request a hearing, which will be held within 10 business days after your written request has been filed in the court that issued this injunction. Violations of this injunction should be reported to a law enforcement agency, not the court.

ADDITIONAL WARNINGS TO DEFENDANT: Nothing the plaintiff does can stop, change, or undo this injunction without the court's written approval. You must appear in court to ask a judge to change (modify) or dismiss (quash) this injunction. Even if the plaintiff initiates contact, you could be arrested and prosecuted for violating this order. If you do not want the plaintiff to contact you, you have the right to request a protective order against the plaintiff. But orders are not automatically granted upon request. Legal requirements must be met.

County

Justice Court

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|--|----------------|---|
| Plaintiff _____ v. Defendant _____ | Case No. _____ | HEARING ORDER <input type="checkbox"/> Order of Protection <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Injunction Against Harassment <input type="checkbox"/> Injunction Against Workplace Harassment Issued Date: ___/___/___ |
| | Case No. _____ | |

The request for:

- A protective order is granted denied withdrawn. Reason: REPEATED ACTS OF HARASS. VIOLATION of ARS 13-2916
- A hearing is denied.
- A motion to continue is denied.
- A motion to modify is denied.

- The court continues the hearing to ___/___/___ (date).
- The court cancels the hearing set for ___/___/___ (date).
- At Plaintiff's request, the court dismisses the protective order listed above.

At time of hearing:

Plaintiff: Appeared Failed to appear but did not have notice Failed to appear but had notice
 Defendant: Appeared Failed to appear but did not have notice Failed to appear but had notice

- The court dismisses the protective order listed above.
- A protective order is denied.
- A protective order is granted. Brady applies (18 USC § 922(g)(8)).
- The protective order listed above remains in effect. Brady applies (18 USC § 922(g)(8)).
- As attached, the court modifies the protective order listed above. Brady a 18 USC § 922(g)(8).

Date _____ Judicial Officer _____

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMITTAL

Copy mailed provided personally to Plaintiff on ___/___/___ by _____
 Copy mailed provided personally to Defendant on ___/___/___ by _____

**THE COMMISSION'S POLICY IS
TO POST ONLY THE FIRST FIVE
PAGES OF ANY DISMISSED
COMPLAINT ON ITS WEBSITE.**

**FOR ACCESS TO THE
REMAINDER OF THE
COMPLAINT IN THIS MATTER,
PLEASE MAKE YOUR REQUEST
IN WRITING TO THE
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL
CONDUCT AND REFERENCE
THE COMMISSION CASE
NUMBER IN YOUR REQUEST.**