

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-442

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

January 30, 2026

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge was biased, did not afford equal treatment, did not afford an opportunity to be heard, and had a conflict of interest in a family law matter.

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 January 30, 2026.

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2025-442

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.

Please see attached

BEFORE THE ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Complainant:

Respondent Judge: Hon. _____, _____ County _____ Court

JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT COMPLAINT

ATTESTATION

I, _____, declare under penalty of perjury that the following allegations are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

INTRODUCTION

This complaint arises from repeated and serious violations of the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct, the Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure, and fundamental principles of due process. Judge _____ has exhibited bias, selective enforcement of court rules, abuse of discretion, and conduct creating the appearance of impropriety. Her actions are not isolated misjudgments but reflect a pattern of misconduct undermining the fairness of proceedings and eroding public confidence in the judiciary. Commission intervention is both warranted and necessary.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

Failure to Enforce Rule 49 and Selective Treatment of Litigants

Respondent failed to comply with disclosure requirements by uploading and editing exhibits until the day before trial, in violation of Rule 49, Ariz. R. Fam. Law P. Despite these clear violations, the Court accepted Respondent's unsupported representations while imposing stricter standards upon me. This selective enforcement demonstrates bias and constitutes a violation of Canon 2.2 and Canon 2.3.

Denial of Due Process at April 16, 2025 Evidentiary Hearing

I was repeatedly interrupted, denied sufficient time to present witnesses, and my objections were summarily disregarded. Respondent was afforded substantially greater latitude, including the introduction of untimely, irrelevant, and hearsay exhibits. Protected health information was admitted in contravention of HIPAA (45 C.F.R. § 164.502) and A.R.S. § 12-2292, in violation of Ariz. Const. art. 2, § 4 and Canon 1.1.

Child Support Ruling Based on Defective Evidence

The Court relied upon a materially incomplete and inaccurate affidavit that excluded income, improperly included an adult child, and failed to disclose a severance package. Despite these deficiencies, the Court accepted the affidavit without scrutiny, constituting abuse of discretion and a willful disregard of disclosure obligations.

Systematic Denial of Post-Ruling Relief and Retaliatory Pattern

Every corrective motion filed—including motions to consolidate, change venue, and motions under Rules 83 and 85—was denied without meaningful analysis. This pattern of reflexive denials reflects retaliation for my recusal request and demonstrates prejudicial bias, in violation of Canon 2.11.

Conflict of Interest and Appearance of Impropriety

Judge _____ resides in the same neighborhood as Respondent's parents. Even absent proof of actual influence, this proximity creates an appearance of impropriety requiring recusal under Canon 2.11(A). Her refusal to step aside undermines public confidence in the impartiality of the proceedings.

Broader Concerns

Multiple litigants have raised similar concerns regarding this judge's conduct. The pattern suggests systemic misconduct and warrants thorough investigation to protect future litigants and the reputation of Arizona's judiciary.

LEGAL BASIS

Judge _____ conduct constitutes violations of:

- Canon 1.1 – Upholding independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary
- Canon 2.2 – Performing duties fairly, competently, and diligently
- Canon 2.3 – Avoiding bias, prejudice, and favoritism
- Canon 2.11(A) – Disqualification where impartiality might reasonably be questioned

Additionally, her actions contravened:

- Rule 49, Ariz. R. Fam. Law P. (mandatory disclosure requirements)
- Ariz. Const. art. 2, § 4 (due process guarantee)
- HIPAA, 45 C.F.R. § 164.502, and A.R.S. § 12-2292 (protection of medical privacy)

REQUESTED RELIEF

Complainant respectfully requests that the Commission:

1. Conduct a full and impartial investigation into Judge _____ conduct.
2. Determine whether her conduct violated the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct.
3. Impose such disciplinary measures as are appropriate to safeguard litigants and preserve the integrity of the judiciary.

CONCLUSION

Judge _____ repeated disregard for procedural safeguards, refusal to enforce mandatory disclosure rules, and failure to recuse when impartiality was in question deprived me of a fair hearing. Her conduct constitutes judicial misconduct warranting disciplinary intervention.

Respectfully submitted,

Date:

Signature: _____