

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-455

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

January 6, 2026

The Complainant alleged a superior court commissioner handled an arraignment appointing a public defender when one was not wanted 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 members Denise K. Aguilar and Colleen E. Concannon did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on January 6, 2026.

Command

2025 - 455
Court

Complaint 3: Judge

County

Submitted by:

Statement of Facts

On [redacted], I received the Grand Jury Indictment (dated [redacted]) from a County Sheriff's deputy. I received only the Indictment; no rights packet was provided, and I was not informed of my right to challenge under Rule 12.9.

On [redacted] I filed a Rule 12.9 Grand Jury Challenge. Although conformed by the court on [redacted], neither the docket nor Judge [redacted] acknowledged it until I raised the issue in open court on [redacted]. No timely hearing or ruling was issued.

At the start of the [redacted] proceeding, Judge [redacted] stated he was friends with the alleged victim, [redacted], and said he would recuse himself. Despite that, he waived the reading of charges, entered a not-guilty plea on my behalf, and questioned me about representation. He dismissed my concerns about local public defenders as "wrong," suggested a [redacted]-based attorney, and handed me a card without any written appointment paperwork.

He commented about [redacted] fear if I retained firearm rights, despite no adjudicated finding that I posed a danger. He also deferred to Justice of the Peace [redacted] rulings instead of independently addressing my Rule 12.9 motion and constitutional rights. Finally, he required me to sign pretrial release paperwork he drafted even after recusal.

On that same day, [redacted] Judge [redacted], even under recusal, purported to assign me with a public defender, when I had told him in open court that I would like to talk with the attorney before making that decision. I signed no paperwork accepting [redacted] as my attorney, and even though the court paperwork indicated that [redacted] had been sent the paperwork on [redacted] he never received it until [redacted], when he immediately emailed me.

On [redacted] days after I filed the Grand Jury Challenge on [redacted], the prosecution, failing the 10 day window, chose to exploit this invalid ruling of Judge [redacted] by filing a Motion to Strike the Challenge, claiming I could not proceed pro se because I was represented.

From the minute Judge [redacted] recused himself, any other ruling other than telling me where I would go next, was not only invalid but illegal and should have his judgeship removed. He proved everything that I had said in open court on [redacted] that the defense was biased and would not be fair. He openly said that he was friends with the alleged victim, and then

went on to take away my constitutional right to own a firearm because his friend was uncomfortable with my having that right. He then claimed he had an “unbiased” public defender, but he had no authority to do anything more than point me to another judge and show me the door that day.

Grounds for Complaint

- Failure to timely acknowledge and rule on a properly filed Rule 12.9 motion (due process).
- Conflict of interest: proceeding after admitting friendship with the alleged victim (Canon 2.11(A)).
- Improper judicial commentary after recusal evidencing bias (firearms remarks without evidentiary basis).
- Improper deference to a Justice of the Peace rather than exercising independent superior-court judgment, especially since that pretrial paper work supposedly no longer exists. ().

Relief Requested

I request investigation into Judge failure to timely rule on my Grand Jury Challenge, his actions after recusal, his biased commentary, and improper delegation of authority. These actions undermine confidence in the judiciary and violate Canons 1 and 2 of the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct.

(CJC Insert Sheet – Not Originally Submitted)

ARREST/BOOKING RECORD

NAME - LAST		FIRST		MIDDLE		ALIASES/CARS		MARK(S)		BOOKING #	
ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP						ORIGIN	SEX	HT	WT	HAIR	COMPLEX
AGE	DWP	PLACE OF BIRTH US		CITIZEN US		EMPLOYER			OCCUPATION		
NEAREST RELATIVE & RELATIONSHIP						ADDRESS SAA					
FBI NO			SID NO			TRI LICENSE # & STATE			DRIVER'S LICENSE # & STATE		
AGENCY USE ONLY			MISC NO			FFC					
ARREST AGENCY		ARREST NO		ARREST DATE		ARR TIME		DLE #		LOCATION OF ARREST	
ARRESTING OFFICER NAME AND NUMBER			TRANSPORTING 1st		TRANSPORTING 2nd		BA OFFER		BA READING		LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE
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INT APPEAR		JP PRELIM DATE		BOND		INT APPEAR		JP PRELIM DATE		BOND	
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