

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-457

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

December 23, 2025

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge was biased 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 [] of [], I took my ex husband to court in order to modify school choice for our daughter. He retaliated by taking me to court over backpay for child support. Both issues were heard during the same court proceeding. I thought the rulings were extremely unfair and Judge [] sided with my ex on every count. He is law enforcement (former police and now []). It has come to my attention she has a known bias for siding with any law enforcement official. My ex also coincidentally requested a "change of judge" which is how we ended up with Judge [].

Backstory on the child support arrears:
We divorced in []. At the time, he made less than I, and I was ordered to pay child support. However, due to paperwork logistical issues, it was not filed through the clearinghouse which was unbeknown to me. When I called repeatedly to get my ATLAS number, I was told by the clerk that there orders had been dismissed and there was no ATLAS number to provide. I advised [] of what I was told, and we went on for [] years without me paying him and without him asking for any money.

During the court hearing, he requested thousands of dollars of uninsured medical expenses dating back to []. Our decree states each party has [] days to present receipts for uninsured expenses to the other party and the responding party has [] days to pay it. He did not present the receipts until the court day in [] and had no proof that he had submitted them prior to that day. She completely ignored the decree and honored his request. I was ordered to pay him for all the expenses plus interest. I also had medical and school related expenses that I paid for but somehow, he was not required to reimburse me at all.

With regards to the child support back pay: Judge [] ordered me to pay him child support from [] to [] plus interest totaling approximately []. The BIG PROBLEM lies in that according to the financial documents submitted by each of us, [] got a raise in [] which balanced our salaries to near equal. Judge [] ordered me to pay the same monthly amount for [] years, when for [] of those years, we made the SAME SALARY and the child calculation worksheet would have shown that neither of us owed any child support to the other. So essentially, I was forced to pay him a gift of [] for no apparent reason. He did not disclose his raise in salary and I did not ask him to disclose it because for [] years, no one was exchanging money at all due to the misinformation that the orders for child support had been dismissed.

I have spoken to [] attorneys on the matter since the hearing. All of them agree that the ruling is wrong and biased, but it would cost me more than its worth in attorney's fees to get it corrected. Which is a complete and utter shame in my opinion. My only peace is that at least if I give him the money, some of it may actually go to support our daughter. If I pay an attorney, none of it will.

Since the court date, I have researched Judge [] and found so many other complaints regarding her judicial bias, especially as it pertains cases involving law enforcement. I know this complaint will not change the decisions of my case, but after reading how so many others were mistreated, I felt compelled to file a complaint for the cause.

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