

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-477

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

January 6, 2026

The Complainant alleged a superior court commissioner failed to follow the law 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).

Commission members Denise K. Aguilar, Colleen E. Concannon, and Joseph C. Kreamer did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

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

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION**

25-477

**Complaint of Civil Rights Violations
Against State Court Officials and Related Actors**

Submitted by:

Related State Case:

County Court, Arizona

Case No.

Respondents/Actors:

- Former Commissioner
- Judge
- Commissioner
- Best Interests Attorney
- Additional court personnel (as referenced herein)

Date of Submission:

U.S. Department of Justice – Civil Rights Division

**Complaint re: Systemic Denial of Due Process & Equal Protection; Judicial
Misconduct/Abuse of Authority in Arizona Family Court ()**

Complainant:

Respondents / Actors:

- Former Commissioner , County Court (through)
- Judge , County Court (current presiding judge)
- Commissioner (emergency minute entries/denials)
- Best Interests Attorney (court-appointed)
- Additional court personnel (as identified below)

Related Matter: County Court (pre-decree)

I. Summary of Federal Concerns

This complaint alleges a **pattern of state action** that has **denied me due process and equal protection** in ongoing custody proceedings and placed my young children at risk. The misconduct includes: (1) **systematic refusal to consider properly filed evidence and motions**, (2) **abrupt ex parte-like denials** of emergency filings without meaningful review, (3) **punitive restrictions** (sole legal decision-making to the father; supervised visitation for me) imposed while serious abuse investigations were pending, (4) **ignoring exculpatory psychological/psychiatric evaluations** that cleared me and warned about coercive control by the father, and (5) **retaliatory and obstructive handling** of subpoenas, hearings, and scheduling—

together creating an appearance of **bias, collusion, and abuse of authority** by judicial officers and court-appointed professionals.

I seek DOJ review for **systemic civil-rights violations** in Arizona family-court practices impacting my case and, by extension, similarly situated litigants.

II. Procedural Posture & Core Timeline (condensed)

- [REDACTED] – [REDACTED] : Following a DV arrest (alleged “touch with intent to injure”), father obtained an Order of Protection. I was **denied all contact with my children** for [REDACTED] days.
- [REDACTED] : I filed **Petition for Legal Separation with Expedited Motion for Temporary Orders** (legal decision-making, parenting time, support, fees).
- [REDACTED] : My vehicle’s wheels were sabotaged with hydraulic grease, creating a serious safety hazard. I reported the incident to [REDACTED] PD, but the court failed to address the risk or consider it in custody determinations.
- [REDACTED] - **Former-Counsel Collusion Context:** In parallel, I filed a complaint with the [REDACTED] of Arizona against my former counsel, [REDACTED], LLP ([REDACTED] File No. [REDACTED]). Attached are emails and filings showing specific **conduct that undermined my case (e.g., omissions, inconsistent drafting quality, and actions/inactions that benefitted the opposing party)**. Taken together with contemporaneous judicial responses, these facts present **indicia of collusive or coordinated conduct** that materially impaired my access to the courts and contributed to the denial of due process. I request that DOJ consider this evidence insofar as it demonstrates a pattern involving court actors and procedures, not merely private malpractice.
- [REDACTED] – [REDACTED] : **Disclosures by my [REDACTED]-year-old** of sexual abuse of baby brother by paternal grandmother and dropping the infant on his head; I reported to [REDACTED] PD and provided video disclosures.
- [REDACTED] – [REDACTED] : Emergency motions and two evidentiary hearings. **Paternal grandmother testified** inconsistently about infant’s fall; **critical evidence and cross-examination were curtailed**.
- [REDACTED] : **Commissioner [REDACTED]** issued orders effectively **blaming me for father’s violence** captured on video and moving toward **joint custody with final**

decision-making to father, despite multiple incidents of documented abuse and father's erratic conduct.

- [redacted] : **-month-old (immobile) returned with bruises/wound**; forensic interview noted biting/punching disclosures (“ [redacted] ”). Injuries were documented at [redacted] Hospital. I withheld the children for safety; sought **Orders of Protection** for them—**denied**.
- [redacted] : I explained withholding based on active police investigations; court **refused to modify** temporary orders; **BIA appointed**.
- [redacted] : Without BIA present, Commissioner [redacted] **accused me of making false police reports** and awarded **father sole legal decision-making and physical custody**; **restricted me to [redacted] hours/week supervised visits**; **ordered full psychological and psychiatric evaluations** as a precondition to reconsideration—**despite ongoing police investigations into father for abuse/molestation**.
- [redacted] – **present**: Respondent has retained and refused to release my personal and legal documents, despite multiple requests through his legal counsel. This has materially impaired my ability to secure a job, prove legal status, sign a lease, notarize documents, litigate and access the courts.
- [redacted] : I filed **Emergency Motions with [redacted] pages of evidence**; **denied without meaningful notice** (I had to call to discover denial). **Orders of Protection** sought again—**denied** despite meeting statutory criteria.
- [redacted] : Multiple **motions for evidentiary hearing, to supplement evidence, and to lift sanctions**—**ignored**, no rulings docketed.
- [redacted] : I **completed both court-ordered evaluations** (psychological & psychiatric): **I am mentally healthy**; reports warn of **coercive control/abuse by father**. I filed both—**no relief or ruling**.
- [redacted] : Another **Emergency Motion** (child's deteriorating condition; sabotaged calls). **Filed [redacted]** ; **denied at [redacted]** via two-page order—**about 10–12 minutes** after transmission—**insufficient time** for meaningful review or drafting.
- **Mid-** [redacted] : My **subpoena** for father's financial records were **quashed**; **BIA's Initial Position** ([redacted]) **selectively excluded my psychiatric report** (the report warning about father).

- – : Child recorded at daycare with , repeated naps, normal nutrition and hydration; EMT measured **critical blood glucose of** ; father gave inconsistent accounts re feeding and temperature. I filed **Emergency Motion ()** and **Motion for Contempt ()** detailing contradictions, perjury, sabotage of communication, and signs of abuse—**later denied ()**. Judge also claimed **non-receipt** of my contempt filing (despite my email receipt).
- – : Court **held critical motions “in abeyance”** pending a **Comprehensive Family Evaluation** that **never began** despite my compliance by ; case set for **dismissal on** while still holding filings in abeyance and without starting the evaluation.
- : **Motion for Reconsideration—ignored.**
- **Ongoing with BIA:** Since I provided the BIA extensive evidence of **verbal/physical/sexual abuse and father’s mental-health concerns**. The BIA **often failed to acknowledge receipt** and, at times, asked me **not to copy him** on access-revocation emails from father (education/medical apps).

III. Federal Rights Implicated

1. **Fourteenth Amendment – Procedural Due Process**
 - Repeated **refusal to review or docket rulings** on fully compliant motions and evidence; **summary denials** of emergency filings with **no meaningful opportunity to be heard**.
 - **Punitive parenting orders** (sole legal decision-making to father; supervised visitation for me) **while investigations into father’s abuse were pending**, contrary to mandatory best-interest/safety considerations.
2. **Fourteenth Amendment – Equal Protection**
 - **Disparate, credibility-discounting treatment** of a protective parent despite objective corroboration (forensic interview, EMT records, daycare logs, videos), versus **preferential treatment** toward father and paternal grandmother (accepting contradictions; quashing discovery helpful to me).
3. **Abuse of Judicial Authority / Pattern or Practice**

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COMPLAINT ON ITS WEBSITE.**

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THE COMMISSION CASE
NUMBER IN YOUR REQUEST.**