

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 25-507

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Judge: Kristyne M. Schaaf-Olson

Complainant: Self-Report

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**ORDER**

A superior court judge pro tem self-reported being cited for urinating in public.

On October 4, 2025, Judge Pro Tem Schaaf-Olson of the Yavapai County Superior Court was ticketed with the charge of urinating in public, a misdemeanor violation of the Prescott City Code. Judge Schaaf-Olson resigned from her position as judge the next workday. She also self-reported the incident to the Commission.

The police officer's body camera footage of the incident was widely distributed on media outlets, in which she made one passing comment identifying her as a judge, however, the comment was not acknowledged by the police officer, and the Commission did not find there was clear and convincing evidence that Judge Schaaf-Olson invoked the prestige of judicial office to seek any special treatment for herself or her husband. Under a protective order previously issued by the Commission, Judge Schaaf-Olson provided documentation regarding medical conditions which affected her health, and the Commission took those conditions into consideration. Judge Schaaf-Olson ultimately pled no contest to the charge and was sentenced.

After reviewing all the evidence of the case, including Judge Schaaf-Olson's immediate acceptance of responsibility for her conduct and her health issues, the Commission finds that the judge violated the following provisions of the Code of Judicial Conduct:

- Rule 1.1 which states: "A judge shall comply with the law, including the Code of Judicial Conduct."
- Rule 1.2 which states: "A judge shall act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary, and shall avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety."

Accordingly, Judge Pro Tem Kristyne M. Schaaf-Olson is hereby publicly reprimanded for the conduct described above and pursuant to Commission Rule 17(a). The record in this case, consisting of the judge's self-report and this order shall be made public as required by Commission Rule 9(a).

Commission member Christopher P. Staring did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Dated: April 1, 2026

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Joseph C. Creamer

Hon. Joseph C. Creamer  
Commission Vice-chair

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on April 1, 2026.

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Comp (Self-Report)  
10/10/25  
25-507

Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct  
1501 W. Washington Street, Suite 229  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

October 9, 2025

Re: Self-Report

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a somewhat newly appointed Judge Pro Tem in Yavapai County, Arizona and am writing to inform that on October 4, 2025, I received a traffic Ticket and Complaint. A copy of the citation is provided herewith.

I will enter a plea of not guilty and maintain my innocence in this matter. Unfortunately, I suffered a stroke in late 2021 that has led to increasing difficulties with incontinence. This medical condition played a role in the events that occurred, and the conduct alleged in the citation.

I tendered my informal resignation with my presiding judge October 5, 2025. Please contact me if the Commission has any additional questions or concerns. I am happy to provide supporting medical records in accordance with a reasonable protective order or non-disclosure agreement.

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HON. KRISTYNE SCHAAF-OLSON  
Judge of the Superior Court, Division PTA



Prescott Police Department

ARIZONA TRAFFIC TICKET AND COMPLAINT

Report Number PR-25-008368

Complaint 1307255349

Driver's License Number

State AZ Class D Military Yes

COLLISION FATALITY SERIOUS INJURY COMMERCIAL HAZ MAT 16 PASSENGER

DEFENDANT: Name: KRISTYNE SCHAAF OLSON, Middle: MARIE, Last: SCHAAF OLSON, Address, SSN, Gender, Eyes, Hair, Height, Weight, Origin, DOB, Endorsements, Restrictions

VEHICLE: Year, Make, Model, Style, Color, License Plate, State, Expire. Date, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), Registered Owner, Address, City, State, Zip Code

THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFIES THAT:

ON: Date 10/04/2025, Time 01:37, SPEED: Approx, Posted, R&P, Speed Measurement Device, Equipment Number, Direction Of Travel, Lane, AT: Highway, Milepost, Location N MONTEZUMA ST / W GURLEY ST, Precinct 1343, County YAVAPAI, STATE OF ARIZONA

THE DEFENDANT COMMITTED THE FOLLOWING:

Violations table with columns: Section, Statute, Violation, Domestic Violence, Criminal, Civil Traffic, Docket Number, Disposition Codes, Disposition Date, Sanction

Court information: Court PRESCOTT MUNICIPAL COURT, Court No. 1343, AT or BEFORE THE DATE AND TIME INDICATED: 10/27/2025 09:00, Court Phone No. (928) 771-3300, Business Address 120 S. CORTEZ ST. RM 103, City, State, Zip Code PRESCOTT, AZ 86303

CRIMINAL: Without admitting guilt, I promise to appear as directed herein. CIVIL: Without admitting responsibility, I acknowledge receipt of this complaint. VICTIM? VICTIM NOTIFIED? FINGERPRINTED? IN CUSTODY? A. Williamson 515 COMPLAINTANT BADGE NO.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

This is a true copy of the offense described in the complaint that will be filed in the designated court or hearing office. The offense for which you have been cited is an Administrative Violation, a Civil Traffic Violation, a Civil Non-Traffic Violation, a Criminal Offense, a Criminal Traffic Offense, or a Petty Offense. To determine which notice(s) applies to you, look at the box(es) checked under "the defendant committed the following". If you are required to pay fines, penalties, fees or other financial obligations as a result of this citation and you are unable to pay, bring this to the attention of court staff or the judge as payment over time or other alternatives may be available. Do not ignore the citation and the responsibility to pay as this may result in additional penalties and costs to you. For more information contact the court or an attorney. By providing your cell phone number you are granting permission to receive texts and other communication regarding court dates, pending payments and other relevant information about your case. Normal text and SMS rates may apply. Please contact the court in which your case is filed should you desire to opt out of this service. CIVIL TRAFFIC: If the Civil Traffic box is checked, notice is hereby given that if you fail to appear as directed in this complaint, a default judgment will be entered against you, a civil sanction will be imposed, the Department of Transportation may refuse to renew the registration of a vehicle of which you are the registered owner, and your case may be sent to collections. CIVIL NON-TRAFFIC: If the Civil Non-Traffic box is checked, notice is hereby given that if you fail to appear as directed in this complaint, a default judgment will be entered against you, and a civil penalty will be imposed. CIVIL MARIJUANA VIOLATION IMMIGRATION ADVISEMENT: Marijuana remains a controlled substance that is illegal to possess under federal law. As a result, a finding of responsibility for this infraction may impact your immigration status. For further information and advice you should consult an attorney. CRIMINAL OR PETTY OFFENSE: If the Criminal or Petty Offense box is checked, notice is hereby given that if you fail to appear in court as directed in this complaint, a warrant will be issued for your arrest (A.R.S. 13-3903(F)). CRIMINAL TRAFFIC: If the Criminal Traffic box is checked, notice is hereby given that if you fail to appear as directed in this complaint on a criminal charge, a warrant could be issued for your arrest and your license will be suspended (A.R.S. 28-1557(B)(1)). (The court, law enforcement agency or public body responsible (A.R.S. 28-1557(B)(1)). (The court, law enforcement agency or public body responsible (A.R.S. 28-1557(B)(1)). (The court, law enforcement agency or public body responsible (A.R.S. 28-1557(B)(1)). (The court, law enforcement agency or public body responsible (A.R.S. 28-1557(B)(1)).

You may visit https://courts.yavapalaz.gov/Prescott-JC for additional court or traffic school information.