

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-509

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

January 23, 2026

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge behaved improperly from the bench 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 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 Michael J. Brown 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 23, 2026.

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Complaint to the Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct

Re: Judge _____, _____ County _____ Court
Hearing Date: _____

Statement of Facts

I am submitting this complaint regarding Judge _____ conduct during my very first hearing before him on _____, in _____ County _____ Court. I had never met Judge _____ before this hearing, and he had no prior knowledge of me. There was no warrant or extradition order filed in my case; the matter was based solely on hearsay from a detective.

During this hearing, Judge _____ engaged in conduct that I believe violated multiple provisions of the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct, the United States Constitution, and Arizona law. His words, demeanor, and actions were hostile, biased, and unlawful. I will detail them below:

1. Judge _____ called me a “ _____,” a “ _____,” and a “ _____.”
2. He threatened me by saying, “ _____.”
3. He compared my thought process to that of a transgender person in a derogatory manner, implying I had a mental health problem.
4. When I raised constitutional arguments, including the Supremacy Clause and Article III, Clauses 1–3, he ignored them and continued insulting me.
5. He stated openly that he would not believe anything I said, while declaring that his bailiff was telling the truth.
6. I informed him that I had a recording proving the bailiff lied about refusing to come to court. Judge _____ refused to accept or review this evidence.
7. After I paid bail, Judge _____ refused to order my release unless I confessed. This coercive demand was unlawful and unconstitutional. I was only released after multiple citizens called the court to demand my release.
8. His demeanor was hostile: his face was red, his eyes piercing with anger, and at one point he abruptly yelled “ _____” left the courtroom, leaving his chair spinning.

I state clearly that an audio recording of this hearing exists. I will furnish it upon request. If Judge _____ denies the truth of these events, I will release the recording to the media.

Violations of Law, Constitution, and Judicial Canons

#	Violation	Authority / Case Law	
1	Failure to uphold integrity and impartiality	Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct, Canon 1; <i>Matter of Anderson</i> , 168 Ariz. 432 (1991)	

2	Use of abusive, insulting, and demeaning language	Canon 2, Rule 2.8(B) (requirement of patience, dignity, and courtesy)	
3	Demonstrated bias and prejudgment of a party	Canon 2, Rule 2.2 (impartiality); <i>In re Weeks</i> , 134 Ariz. 521 (1983)	
4	Refusal to consider relevant evidence	Canon 2, Rule 2.5 (competence, diligence, fairness); Fourteenth Amendment Due Process	
5	Conditioning release on confession (coercion)	Fifth Amendment (self-incrimination); Fourteenth Amendment (due process); <i>Jackson v. Denno</i> , 378 U.S. 368 (1964)	
6	Threatening to “ship” me to another state without lawful process	U.S. Constitution, Art. IV §2 (extradition clause); Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure	
7	Discriminatory and demeaning remarks referencing transgender persons	Canon 2, Rule 2.3 (bias, prejudice, harassment prohibited)	
8	Abuse of judicial power and prestige of office	Canon 1, Rule 1.3 (misuse of judicial office)	
9	Failure to maintain decorum and judicial temperament	Canon 2, Rule 2.8(A) (requirement to maintain order and decorum)	
10	Appearance of impropriety undermining public confidence	Canon 1, Rule 1.2; <i>In re Haddad</i> , 128 Ariz. 490 (1981)	
11	Arbitrary detention without warrant or extradition order	Fourth Amendment (unreasonable seizure); Fourteenth Amendment (due process)	
12	Ignoring constitutional arguments raised in open court	Supremacy Clause, U.S. Const. Art. VI, cl. 2; judicial duty to uphold Constitution	

Requested Action

I respectfully request that the Commission conduct a full investigation into Judge conduct on . His words, demeanor, and actions demonstrate bias, abuse of authority, and violations of both the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct and the U.S. Constitution.

I ask that the Commission review the courtroom recording, interview witnesses, and examine the docket and bail records. I further request that the Commission impose appropriate discipline, up to and including censure, suspension, or removal, to protect the integrity of the judiciary and the rights of litigants.

Declaration

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Arizona that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
