

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-510

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

January 23, 2026

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge 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 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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2025-510

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.

Judge Against Whom Complaint is Filed: The Honorable _____ : [Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct 1501 W. Washington Street, Suite 229 Phoenix, Arizona 8500 Case Number: _____] Date of Hearing _____ : [Details of Complaint Regarding Judge Conduct _____]

Subject: Formal Complaint Regarding Judicial Misconduct: Disregard of Prior Order, Refusal to Hear Evidence, and Favoring a Party with a Recent DUI

I am submitting this formal complaint regarding the conduct of Judge _____ during the hearing on _____ The Judge's actions constitute a failure to properly apply the law, a disregard for a valid existing court order, and a refusal to consider evidence directly related to the children's safety.

Specific Allegations of Misconduct:

I. Disregard of Evidence of Misconduct (DUI)

My ex-spouse was charged with and completed probation for a DUI in _____ This information, which is highly relevant to the best interest and safety of the child(ren) in a family law case, was known or was brought to the attention of the Court. Judge _____ completely disregarded the DUI during the proceedings and subsequently issued a ruling in favor of the ex. This demonstrates a willful failure to consider essential evidence regarding parental fitness and the creation of a safe environment for the child(ren).

II. Unilateral Disregard and Modification of a Current Binding Order

A prior, legally binding court order signed by Judge _____ explicitly requires my ex-spouse to be responsible for _____ of all travel costs related to the children's possession and access. During the hearing on _____, Judge _____ issued a Revised Order that completely disregarded and omitted the _____ travel reimbursement provision. This action constitutes an unauthorized, sua sponte (on the court's own motion) modification of a material provision of an existing Final Order, taken without any proper motion for modification being filed and without a legal finding of a material and substantial change in circumstances.

III. Denial of Due Process/Refusal to Allow Argument

Judge _____ refused to enforce the existing order's provision and would not allow me to speak or present argument concerning the binding nature of the order signed by Judge _____ The Judge's refusal to allow me to present or argue the existing order, coupled with the unilateral removal of a material financial term and the disregard of the DUI, demonstrates a willful and persistent conduct clearly inconsistent with the proper performance of judicial duties.

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