

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 25-516

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

February 13, 2026

The Complainant alleged a justice court hearing officer was biased because she allowed the opposing party more time than the Complainant to present their case in a small claims 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 and Cathy Riggs did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on February 13, 2026.

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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.

I appeared along with \_\_\_\_\_  
 before Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Case # \_\_\_\_\_

This case was regarding a dispute over a property line and costs incurred for surveying, tree trimming, cleanup, etc.

When it was time for me to speak and present my case and additionally present photographs, the judge very quickly dismissed me and only allowed me to speak 3-4 minutes and would not look at the photos.

The judge then turned to the defendants and allowed them to present their case and they were allowed to speak for at least 20 minutes and additionally the judge looked at their photographs.

I feel the judge was very obviously very biased and unfairly prejudiced and I did not receive a fair and judicial hearing.