

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-531

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

January 30, 2026

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge advocated for the prosecution and violated his constitutional rights 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 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).

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on January 30, 2026.

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2025-531

COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name:

[Redacted Name]

Judge's Name:

[Redacted 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 believe that Judge [Redacted] has committed judicial misconduct by (1) advocating on behalf of the State (2) making rulings which blatantly violates the Defendant's constitutional rights (3) has forced the Defendant to choose which rights he will invoke by forcefully usurping rights (4) allowing the State to present evidence misrepresenting the facts and (5) has used her considerable authority to manipulate this case.

(1) This Court, on various occasions, has raised arguments on behalf of the State. The Court would not require the State to file any response to the Defendant's motion and would instead deny the motions based on arguments the Court would make for the State. These arguments would often times be erroneous yet unchallenged due to the arguments being that of the Court's leaving the Defendant zero chance for reply. see docket.

(2) The Court would making ruling which shows a very casual disregard for the rights of the accused. One such incident in particular would be the matter of the Defendant's

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motion to suppress (filed) 1. There would be no hearing for
the motion until (and no ruling until

1). The Defendant would challenge the seizure of his keys
and cell phone - both of which was on his person when booked -
that was returned to the ofc. on scene, in order to gain access
to the Defendant's car. This would result in the seizure of
the Defendant's work phone. There are many moving ele-
ments to the incident, but none more important than the
fact that the Defendant presented body worn cam that
captured the ofc. stating to the other ofc. that he did not
have any probable cause, yet he was seizing the item
anyway.

(2) On no fewer than two occasions the Courts has
force the Defendant to choose between his rights to a Speedy
trial, compete counsel, and expert witnesses. The State would
make such untimely disclosures that many would come on the
eve of trial. The Court would then tell the Defendant that if
he did not request to continue trial he would have to waive
his rights to use the evidence and expert witness. ()

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Judge [REDACTED]

and again ([REDACTED]). Certainly the Court was aware that this would be an egregious violation to the Sixth and Fourteenth Amendment. The Court took advantage of the Defendant's pro se status. The State would go sanctioned for the untimeliness and alteration of the evidence.

(4) The Court would in fact allow the State to constantly make untimely disclosure, misrepresent evidence, alter or fail to preserve evidence. Until present day there still remains undisclosed evidence. Cell phones has been release to state's witnesses, data has been altered, recorded interviews still undisclosed, evidence in possession of the arresting agency remains concealed, and et cetera.

(5) The conduct of the Court has perverted this trial so thoroughly that it is inconceivable to think the Defendant will receive a fair and impartial trial. In fact, judge [REDACTED] has made so many wilfully negligent rulings in this case that she refuses to allow the trial to be overseen by another judge. Regardless of the fact that the case was sent to her court for trial in [REDACTED] over [REDACTED] month prior. How can the Defendant believe he will be given a fair and impartial trial by a judge with so much exposure to the case and has been anything but fair or impartial?

Discovery issues / Bond hearing

Clerk of the Court
*** Electronically Filed ***

COURT OF ARIZONA
COUNTY

CLERK OF THE COURT

HONORABLE

Deputy

STATE OF ARIZONA

v.

(001)

INMATE LEGAL SERVICES
JUDGE

TRIAL RE-SET

Courtroom

State's Attorney:

Advisory Counsel:

Defendant: Present ()

A record of the proceedings is made digitally in lieu of a court reporter.

This is the time set for a trial procedure conference.

LET THE RECORD REFLECT Defense Investigator, , is present in the
Courtroom.

LET THE RECORD REFLECT Victims and the victim advocate are present via Court
Connect.

Discussion is held regarding the State's previous motion to continue.

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COUNTY

Defendant agrees to waive conflict with this Court being the trial judge and a settlement judge in this matter.

Discussion is held regarding the current plea offer.

Defendant confirms he rejects the plea offer.

★ Discussion is held regarding discovery issues.

Discussion is held regarding Defendant's *Motion to Dismiss Prosecution*, filed
Pursuant to the discussion held on the record,

IT IS ORDERED denying Defendant's *Motion to Dismiss Prosecution*, filed

Argument is heard regarding Defendant's *Motion to Modify Conditions of Release*, filed

LET THE RECORD REFLECT a Victim addresses the Court regarding the *Motion*.

Based on the argument held on the record and for reasons as stated on the record,

IT IS ORDERED denying Defendant's *Motion to Modify Conditions of Release*, filed

Discussion is held regarding Defendant's *Motion to Change Advisory/Counsel*, filed
Pursuant to the discussion held on the record,

The Court finds Advisory Counsel is competent; however,

IT IS ORDERED granting Defendant's *Motion to Change Advisory/Counsel*, filed

The Court advises Defendant another motion to change Advisory Counsel will likely not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the Office of Public Defense Services appoint Advisory Counsel to represent Defendant in this matter.

**THE COMMISSION'S POLICY IS
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PAGES OF ANY DISMISSED
COMPLAINT ON ITS WEBSITE.**

**FOR ACCESS TO THE
REMAINDER OF THE
COMPLAINT IN THIS MATTER,
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CONDUCT AND REFERENCE
THE COMMISSION CASE
NUMBER IN YOUR REQUEST.**