

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-537

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

January 30, 2026

The Complainant alleged a municipal court judge was biased and failed to follow the law in a criminal case. The Commission's investigation revealed that Complainant misidentified the judge.

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).

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

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

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2025-537

COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name: _____

Judge's Name: Hon.

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 am filing a formal civil rights complaint in regards to a class 1 misdemeanor traffic case with one count of driving on a suspended license out of the _____ Municipal Court in _____ County, AZ.

On _____, I submitted an ADA request for virtual hearings due to a significant transportation barrier and the circumstances surrounding my current situation, that include: transitioning out of a _____ yr domestic violence relationship where I depended on him for everything, plus I am fighting for custody of my only child against _____, my sons father, and my family. My family reported false allegations against me, as a result _____ has taken temporary custody of my son and has placed him with the same family who reported these false allegations. I am fighting it to every end, which has been very stressful and very overwhelming. I was determined _____ last yr and doing the best I can to maintain compliance with all entities, but I'm barely keeping my nose above water.. I filed a motion to appear virtually for my initial appearance, which the judge granted. I was given my release conditions, as well as, the date of my next appearance which would take place on _____ (pretrial conference). Judge _____ wrote on the release order that I could appear virtually/telephonically for that hearing as well, and I kept my word and appeared as I said I would for both those hearings. The prosecutor set the next hearing for _____ in order to give me sometime to reinstate my license. On _____, I filed the first motion to continue due to leaving my boyfriend of _____ years for domestic violence, as well as, dealing with _____ removing my son from my care on _____, which was granted and reset for _____. I called the prosecutor on _____ and the prosecutor told me that if I could reinstate my license by _____ that she would drop the charge from a criminal charge to a civil charge and said I had to appear in person on _____. Due to all the mayhem with _____ just starting and doing this all on my own without any support, and little to no resources I completely spaced that I had court and got a text the day of the hearing reminding me that I was expected to appear.. Upon realizing this I IMMEDIATELY called the prosecutor and asked what my options were due to the circumstances and was told to file another motion by _____ (scheduled time of hearing) requesting another reset, which I did and it was granted and reset for _____. I wasn't aware of an ADA request or it's purpose and only found out about the ADA 10 days before my next hearing.. Upon finding out, I immediately filed and emailed an ADA request to Honorable Judge _____ and _____, the prosecutor in the _____ Municipal Court on _____. I requested virtual hearings as a reasonable accommodation under ADA, due to being unable to appear in person bc of the significant barriers out of my control, as well as, sent in proof of my determination with the request to prove that I was well within my rights to make this type of request, as my _____ determination falls under the ADA. I tried to explain that my reasoning for being unable to physically get there is in no way due to negligence and is completely out of my control, plus I mentioned that the last thing I want or need is a warrant issued... but despite my multiple attempts to figure out a way that I could satisfy my obligation to the court, as well as refrain from having a warrant issued for my arrest were totally dismissed and I did my best at every end to find a reasonable solution that would satisfy the case and not cause undue hardship on either party.. When I received the denial on _____ I felt confused and felt as if I was being set up for failure bc of my inability to appear in person, despite my countless attempts to still fulfill my obligations in the only way I am able to that would satisfy all persons involved and result in the best possible outcome for everyone without causing any undue hardship on the court or myself.. which was never even considered or taken into account..

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Unfortunately, as a result of missing my hearing due to being unable to appear physically, as I said I would, I now have a warrant for my arrest.. I'm afraid to even leave my house bc of the fact that I could get arrested and get thrown in jail. Can't drive bc my registration and license are not valid, and am now substantially more restricted and stressed out then I ever was before, as I now have all these classes and requirements that expects me to complete and stay compliant in. I believe that this denial is an unjust violation of my ADA rights and feel that i was not given the fair access that I should've been given as per the constitution and my rights. I feel that despite my consistent efforts to act in good faith by attempting to find a solution, rather than just negligently "failing to appear" , should be taken into account. I feel that my determination was not taken taken seriously and felt just hopeless after all the work, effort, and time I spent trying to communicate and coordinate. If you could possibly help me find a solution so I am able to satisfy this matter, so that I can keep myself focused on my son and not have any distractions. I appreciate your assistance with looking into this matter and will take any help I can get in order to resolve this warrant, rather than have it hanging over my head at this point in time.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

****Please see attached documents containing evidence of repeated correspondences attempting to act in good faith by attempting to find some way to address this case, as well as proof regarding the violation of my civil rights in regards to the denial of my ADA rights and accomodations. which has resulted in a warrant being issued for my arrest for failure to appear. I was granted virtual hearings at first and attended every single one, as well as telephonic ones, then all of a sudden it says "appear in person", which I tried to explain each time I filed a motion or request that there is a significant amount of hardship, stress, and crisis related issues that arose all in the same week at the beginning of and is still ongoing, which I don't feel was fairly considered, or understood. The denial caused me to miss court bc I am unable to appear in person, not only messing up the fact that I was showing up to court, but also has now caused me to be afraid to leave my home bc of having a warrant and the risk of being thrown in jail if I go outside. I have classes, drug tests, sessions, visits, mediation, as well as, court and trial all coming up these next 2 weeks and is exactly why I tried so hard to communicate and not just negligently decide not to appear. I don't know what to do bc the judge will just deny any further attempts I make at trying to appear virtually. I appreciate your time and consideration. ****

MUNICIPAL COURT

Email:
Mailing Address:
Physical Address:
Main Line:

STATE OF ARIZONA Plaintiff v. Defendant CASE NUMBER: MOTION TO: Reset/continue

This Motion is made because:

I apologize in advance for filing another motion/reset. As I said before I am in the beginning stages of leaving a very long, 3 Controlling domestic violence relationship. Thus dealing w/ all the requirements from to get my son back. Trying to stay sober, 3 stay out of trouble. I was determined in so mental health is hard I sold my junky, inoperable 3 did a tarp waiver so I can register whatever new car I get. I also made an apt w/ DMV to help for license I can appear telephonic/virtually and am making progress w/ getting my life back on track, just need a little more time to purchase a vehicle and register it.

In Sorry Again Thank You for your time!

Signature: Date:

All Information Below is Required:

Mailing Address: City: State: Zip: New Address? Phone: Cell Other Email:

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

CAMP VERDE MUNICIPAL COURT: Pursuant to the above Motion/Stipulation, and good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- Motion/Stipulation is GRANTED. is set for: at am / pm
Motion/Stipulation is DENIED.
Rule 8 time is waived.
Other:

Signed: Honorable Judge Date

Copy to: Defendant Defense Attorney City Attorney's Office By:

(Exhibit #1)

MUNICIPAL COURT

Email:
Mailing Address:
Physical Address:
Main Line:



STATE OF ARIZONA

Plaintiff

Defendant

CASE NUMBER:

MOTION TO:

Attend Court dates
Virtually.

This Motion is made because:

We live hrs away & my boyfriend uses our only vehicle for work every-day. I was determined over a yr ago to am awaiting approval from social security, so I stay home & take care of our yr old son. We just moved into a new apartment after being evicted from our old place & homeless from of this yr. Due to my boyfriend being the only one working right now, so things have been a little rough bc he pays for everything and works his butt off. Were behind on our rent bc he had to bail out of jail for a warrant I had no clue about bc we were homeless & were unable to receive mail during that span of time, & I dont want to miss court all due to something out of my control such as not being able to afford gas, my boyfriend having to work, & not having anyone to watch my son, as I dont have any friends or family that help/support me w/ anything. Its just my son, my boyfriend, & I. I just know that if I am granted virtual hearings then I can guarantee my presence vs missing court, getting another warrant, & get in more trouble that I dont need.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

All Information Below is Required:

Mailing Address: _____

New Address?

City: _____

State: Arizona

Zip: _____

Phone: () _____

Cell Other _____

Email: _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

MUNICIPAL COURT: Pursuant to the above Motion/Stipulation, and good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Motion/Stipulation is GRANTED; Defendant may appear at the hearing via zoom.

_____ is set for: _____ at _____ am / pm

Motion/Stipulation is DENIED.

Rule 8 time is waived.

Other: Judicial Assistant to provide defendant with zoom link.

Signed: _____
Honorable Judge _____

Date: _____

Copy to: Defendant Defense Attorney City Attorney's Office

By: _____

Via email & mail

(Exhibit #4)

MUNICIPAL COURT



Email:
Mailing Address:
Physical Address:
Main Line:

STATE OF ARIZONA

Plaintiff

v.

Defendant

CASE NUMBER:

MOTION TO: Continuance

This Motion is made because:

I am requesting a continuance due to my current circumstances. I am in the process of leaving a domestic violence relationship and do not have a vehicle. I am also currently in the midst of a case and trying to do everything I can so that I don't lose my son. I left my bf after reporting him to law enforcement following an incident where he got physical w/ me and I lost my son all in the same week. I am doing my best to stay on top of everything and stay compliant. The last thing I need is a warrant and am hoping this motion will ensure that one is not issued. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and am sorry for not notifying sooner, as I didn't know of this court date at all until I received a text message yesterday when I received a text message stating my appearance. I was informed by the clerk that a notice was mailed to me, but I never received any mail regarding a court date. Until I am able to remove my abuser from my lease I would also like to see if I am able to be notified via email, text, or phone. Thank you for your time.

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Date:

All Information Below is Required:

Mailing Address:
City:
State: AZ
Zip:
Phone:
Email:
New Address?
Cell
Other

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MUNICIPAL COURT: Pursuant to the above Motion/Stipulation, and good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

[X] Motion/Stipulation is GRANTED.

[X] Pretrial Conference is set for: [blank] at (am) pm

[] Motion/Stipulation is DENIED.

[] Rule 8 time is waived.

[] Other:

Signed: Honorable Judge

Date

Copy to: [X] Defendant [] Defense Attorney [] City Attorney's Office

By:

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PAGES OF ANY DISMISSED
COMPLAINT ON ITS WEBSITE.**

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