

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-539

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The Complainant alleged a municipal court judge failed to follow the law regarding a victim's right to speak at sentencing.

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 Commission approved sending the judge a confidential advisory letter advising the judge to be more proactive in determining when victims are present and wish to make a victim statement. The complaint is therefore dismissed pursuant to Commission Rules 16(b) and 23(a).

Dated: June 9, 2026

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Christopher P. Staring

Hon. Christopher P. Staring
Commission Chair

Copies of this order were distributed to all
appropriate persons on June 9, 2026.

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**2025 - 539****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.

My victim rights were not adhered to. I was not allowed to give a victim statement in this matter. I expressed to the prosecutor and victim services I want to speak. I tried telling the paliff told to sit down. He is not nice on all the 6 occasions I have observed him in the courtroom.