

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-550

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

February 13, 2026

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge was biased and disregarded the Americans with Disabilities Act protections.

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 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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Subject: Formal Complaint Regarding Judge (County Court)

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Dear Members of the Commission,

My name is , and I am submitting this complaint regarding Judge of the County Court for conduct that I believe violated judicial ethics and my constitutional rights during my ongoing family court case.

I am the mother of four children, a year-old and who are now . I left an abusive relationship and have been navigating a difficult divorce and custody process. Throughout this case, I have experienced severe emotional and financial harm due to Judge rulings, which I believe reflect bias, denial of due process, and disregard for evidence and ADA protections.

Summary of Events and Misconduct

- : My ex-husband filed an emergency petition alleging that I was “ ” There were no allegations or evidence of neglect, abuse, or unfitness. Judge granted emergency orders removing my four children without any verified basis or welfare checks. For the entirety of , my ex-husband took our for a total of days and wanted 0 parenting time of them.
- : During the emergency hearing, Judge repeated false statements that I had threatened suicide and to harm my ex-husband, accusations for which no police reports, witnesses, or evidence existed.
- Denial of Due Process:
 - Judge refused to allow critical witnesses (including my children’s therapists, a case manager, and other relevant parties) to testify on my behalf to speak to my mental health as well as me being a good mother.
 - She barred new evidence from my attorney that would have shown my mental stability and the children’s safety in my care as well as my ex-husband offering me full custody, full-decision making and the ability to relocate in a settlement

offer 2 weeks prior. He also told me on _____, just 3 days prior to filing emergency orders, that he just wasn't a father to our _____.

- **ADA and Constitutional Concerns:** Despite my documented emotional distress and diagnosed bipolar disorder, Judge _____ did not consider or accommodate my mental health disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). She failed to allow any inquiry into reasonable accommodations or mental health supports that could have ensured my full participation in court proceedings.

Instead, her actions, including the sudden and unsupported removal of my four children, placed me in a state of extreme psychological distress, which triggered a documented manic episode. This episode was a direct result of the trauma caused by the court's actions, not a symptom of ongoing instability. My _____ condition has never involved _____, _____, or behavior that posed a risk to my children. Judge _____ disregard for ADA protections and her decisions during this period reflect a lack of sensitivity to mental health disabilities and a violation of my right to due process under both federal law and the Arizona Constitution.

- **Inconsistent Rulings:** Judge _____ found me “_____” for even supervised visitation, yet scheduled a final trial just two weeks later, implying I was competent to represent myself in court but not to see my children.
- **Financial Burden and Denial of Access:** She ordered me to pay 100% of an extremely costly forensic psychiatric evaluation (I have been told that it would be at a minimum of _____ to over _____ to complete) as a condition to regain parenting time. This has placed me in severe financial distress and effectively prevented me from seeing my children.
- **Impact on Children:** Since Judge _____ order, my children have lost access to their necessary occupational, physical, and speech therapies. I have documentation and visitation reports showing emotional distress, neglect, and alienation by my ex-husband during this time, which I attempt to bring to the court's attention without success.

Violations of Judicial Conduct

I respectfully believe Judge _____ actions may violate the following provisions of the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct:

- Rule 1.2: Failing to promote confidence in the judiciary's integrity and impartiality.
 - Rule 2.2: Failing to uphold and apply the law fairly and impartially.
 - Rule 2.3: Showing bias and prejudice by dismissing evidence favorable to one parent.
 - Rule 2.6: Failing to ensure the right to be heard fairly and fully.
 - Rule 2.9: Improper ex parte consideration of unsupported allegations.
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Request for Review

I respectfully request that the Commission review Judge _____ conduct in this matter and determine whether her actions warrant discipline or referral to the Arizona Supreme Court for possible removal.

Her repeated disregard for evidence, procedural fairness, and ADA considerations demonstrates a pattern of judicial misconduct that continues to harm my children and other families under her jurisdiction.

Sincerely,