

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-557

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

January 30, 2026

The Complainant alleged a justice of the peace issued an improper order in an eviction matter.

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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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name: Judge's Name:

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On _____ Judge _____ entered a unfair and impartial judgment in favor of the plaintiff. Arizona Statute 33-1377 Section B state: B. The summons shall be issued on the day the complaint is filed and shall command the person against whom the complaint is made to appear and answer the complaint at the time and place named which shall be not more than six nor less than three days from the date of the summons. The tenant is deemed to have received the summons three days after the summons is mailed if personal service is attempted and within one day of issuance of the summons a copy of the summons is conspicuously posted on the main entrance of the tenant's residence and on the same day the summons is sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the tenant's last known address. The summons in a special detainer action shall be served at least two days before the return day and the return day made on the day assigned for trial. Service of process in this manner shall be deemed the equivalent of having served the tenant in person for the purposes of awarding a money judgment for all rent, damages, costs and attorney fees due.

Unfortunately, the plaintiff failed to provide me a copy of the summons. Also, the plaintiff and their legal representative failed to provide proper documentation required by law to show a summons was served and or delivered. Judge _____, accepted a picture of the certified only with no confirmation of delivery. Judge _____ also accepted the plaintiffs ledger with no proof or legal receipts to show what accurate amounts were paid prior to the summons.

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