

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-558

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

February 13, 2026

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge did not have subject matter jurisdiction to proceed in a family law 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).

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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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name: _____

Judge's Name: _____

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On _____ during proceedings in case _____
Judge _____ refused
to establish or prove subject matter jurisdiction
after it was formally challenged under
a special appearance. Instead of producing
any certified court order showing that
Arizona lawfully obtained jurisdiction
from the State of _____ as required
under UCCJFA and the PKPA Judge
or simply declared, without factual
or legal basis, "that this court has
jurisdiction" and proceeded to issue
child support and arrearage orders can
be made.

- This conduct constitutes:
- willful disregard of federal and state jurisdictional law
 - Denial of due process
 - Proceeding without lawful authority
 - Issuing void orders
 - Judicial overreach and abuse of discretion

The judges actions undermine the rule of law and erode public confidence in the judiciary system. Judges are required to follow jurisdictional statutes and cannot proceed on merits when jurisdiction is in dispute. Subject matter jurisdiction is not discretionary,

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Requested Action
I request that the Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct

1. Investigate Judge failure to comply with mandatory jurisdictional requirements

2. Enter a finding of misconduct for ignoring federal law & due process.

3. Recommend further corrective action to stop unlawful exercise of authority

COURT OF ARIZONA
COUNTY

CLERK OF THE COURT

HONORABLE

Deputy

IN RE THE MATTER OF

AND

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES-CCC
JUDGE

MINUTE ENTRY

Courtroom - Building

Prior to the commencement of today's proceeding and
are sworn.

This is the time set for Resolution Management Conference regarding
Mother's *Motion for Temporary Orders for Legal Decision-Making and Physical
Custody and Parenting Time.* Petitioner/Mother, , is present on her own behalf.
Respondent/Father, , is present on his own behalf.

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

COURT OF ARIZONA
COUNTY

Discussion is held.

THE COURT FINDS that the minor child has not lived in the state of Arizona for more than (6) months. Pursuant to the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Enforcement Act, Arizona does not have jurisdiction over the minor child to make any orders regarding custody or parenting time because Arizona is not the home state of the minor child.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED determining that Illinois is the home state of the minor child for the purposes of UCCJEA (Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Enforcement Act).

Pursuant to the stipulation of the parties and on a temporary basis,

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that _____ is the natural father of the minor child, _____, born on _____ to _____

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED declaring _____ is the natural father of the minor child, _____, born on _____ to _____

having previously been sworn, now testifies.

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Based upon the matters presented,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED on a temporary basis, the minor child shall remain with Mother in the state of Arizona until _____

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED directing the parties to file an action in the state of Illinois by _____

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Mother shall communicate with her family or friends to facilitate a visit between Father and the minor child today,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Father shall not leave the state of Arizona with the minor child.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED dismissing Mother's Legal Decision-Making and Parenting Time and Mother's Orders for lack of jurisdiction.

Petition to Establish
Motion for Temporary

COURT OF ARIZONA
COUNTY

Matter concludes.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED signing this minute entry as a formal, final, and appealable order pursuant to Rule 81, *Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure*.

HONORABLE
JUDICIAL OFFICER OF THE COURT

All parties representing themselves must keep the Court updated with address changes.
A form may be downloaded at: