

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 25-566

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

February 11, 2026

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge was biased and did not follow the law by ruling on substantive motions after Complainant filed an appeal.

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 Colleen E. Concannon, Joseph C. Kreamer, and Regina L. Nassen did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on February 11, 2026.

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Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct

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**Subject:**

Complaint Against Judge -- County

Court, Arizona --

For Continuing to Exercise Jurisdiction and Refusing to Transfer the  
Record After the Appeal Became Effective (Case No. )

**Complainant:**

Address:

Email:

Phone:

**Judge Complained Against:** Hon.

**Court:** County Court, Arizona

**Case Name & No.:** -

**I. Statement of Complaint Facts**

I hereby formally complain about the conduct of Judge \_\_\_\_\_, which constitutes serious violations of Rule 1.1 (Compliance with the Law) and Rule 2.5(A) (Diligence and Competence) of the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct.

On \_\_\_\_\_, as a self-represented defendant, I filed a Notice of Appeal with the Court of Appeals regarding the Sanctions Order issued on \_\_\_\_\_. The Clerk officially docketed and issued the "Notice of Filing Notice of Appeal" on \_\_\_\_\_, and I paid the appeal fee on \_\_\_\_\_. Pursuant to ARCAP Rule 9(a), the appeal became effective as of \_\_\_\_\_.

However, after the appeal became effective, Judge \_\_\_\_\_ continued to issue substantive rulings in the case:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **(Entry 354)** -- Wrongfully ordered the deletion of my filed Notice of Appeal on the grounds that there was "\_\_\_\_\_, " effectively negating the Court authority.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ **(Entry 365)** -- Issued an order directing that default judgment proceedings proceed under Rule 55(b) before a Commissioner.

3. **(Entry 369)** -- Vacated the previous order, citing " \_\_\_\_\_ , " and reasserted jurisdiction over the default proceedings.

All three actions occurred after the appeal had become effective, violating the express provision of **ARCAP Rule 9(a)**. According to the precedent set by *Montgomery Ward & Co. v. Superior Court*, 176 Ariz. 619 (App. 1993), any rulings made after an appeal becomes effective are void.

Furthermore, on \_\_\_\_\_ , I duly filed with the court a "**Motion for Reconsideration and to Vacate the Court's \_\_\_\_\_ , and Rulings**" (Entries 354, 365, 369), formally requesting the judge to correct these ultra vires rulings and vacate the related orders. However, although this motion was lawfully filed and served on all parties, **Judge \_\_\_\_\_ has to date taken no action or provided any response**, constituting a clear violation of the judge's duty to "perform judicial and administrative duties diligently and competently" (Rule 2.5(A)).

More seriously, **as of now, both Judge \_\_\_\_\_ and the County \_\_\_\_\_ Court Clerk's Office have refused or delayed transferring the record to the Arizona Court \_\_\_\_\_ ,** violating **ARCAP Rule 11(b)(1)**, which requires that "the record shall be transmitted forthwith" after the appeal is perfected. This ongoing delay and refusal effectively obstruct the normal progress of the appellate



7. **Exhibit-7:** Defendant Motion for Reconsideration and  
to Vacate (Entries 354, 365, 369) --- Filed

### **III. Declaration**

I hereby solemnly declare:

That the foregoing facts and the contents of the attached documents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, stated **under penalty of perjury.**

Respectfully Submitted on

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

Email:

Phone:

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NUMBER IN YOUR REQUEST.**