

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 25-569

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

February 13, 2026

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge had poor demeanor, was biased, and improperly ruled 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**

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State Bar No.  
Attorney for Petitioner

IN THE COURT FOR THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF

In Re the Marriage of:	)	
	)	No.
	)	
	)	MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION
Petitioner,	)	
	)	
and	)	
	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	(Assigned to Hon.
	)	)

Petitioner . by and through undersigned counsel,  
 and pursuant to Rule 35.1, Ariz.R.Fam.Law P., respectfully moves the  
 Court to reconsider its ruling after trial in the above-captioned  
 matter of . Petitioner is dumbstruck by the expansive  
 relief the Court awarded Respondent in  
 light of Respondent's shambolic presentation, and some Court  
 determinations that Petitioner, respectfully, finds inexplicable.

For this motion, Petitioner respectfully states as follows.

1. Respondent didn't file a resolution management statement,  
despite Rule 76.1 requiring same. The Court rewarded Respondent for

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1 this failure by handing Respondent a generous spousal maintenance  
2 award.

3 2. Respondent didn't file a pretrial statement, as Rule 76.1  
4 also requires. The Court rewarded Respondent for this failure by  
5 handing Respondent a generous spousal maintenance award.

6 3. Respondent never filed a financial affidavit, in violation  
7 of Rule 49(f). Had Respondent done so, and done so accurately, the  
8 Court would see that Respondent lives with her parents and has no  
9 expenses. The Court rewarded Respondent for this failure by handing  
10 Respondent a generous spousal maintenance award. If Respondent  
11 isn't going to provide a sworn document outlining Respondent's  
12 income and expenses, per the rule, the Court shouldn't award  
13 Respondent maintenance. Petitioner respectfully moves the Court to  
14 reconsider this.  
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16 4. The Court conducted trial on . Only the  
17 parties testified. Only Petitioner presented any evidence, the  
18 converse being that Respondent presented no evidence. The Court  
19 took the matter under advisement. Days later, the Court rewarded  
20 the evidence-less Respondent by handing Respondent an expansive  
21 spousal maintenance award, and making some other orders that  
22 Petitioner respectfully objects to, discussed further infra.  
23 Petitioner respectfully moves the Court to reconsider this.  
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25 5. The Court also awarded Respondent primary placement of the  
26 parties' minor son, and joint legal decision-making authority,

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1 despite the fact Respondent never completed the mandatory parenting  
2 education program. A.R.S. §§ 25-351 et seq., 25-403(A)(10). The  
3 Court even noted Respondent's failure in its Decree. Every other  
4 litigant in any other case would have to meet this requirement.  
5 Respondent did not have to. Petitioner is having second thoughts  
6 about not seeking placement of the parties' son, perhaps over the  
7 son's objection, because Respondent uses the son as a personal  
8 servant and is thwarting development and progress into  
9 adulthood. But that's besides the point. Respondent didn't  
10 complete parenting education, and thus the Court should not award  
11 Respondent placement, nor legal decision-making authority. If every  
12 other parent must comply with this requirement, the Court shouldn't  
13 allow Respondent to ignore it. Petitioner respectfully moves the  
14 Court to reconsider this.

16 6. Respondent was able to achieve these successes, to  
17 Petitioner's consternation, after Respondent secured a six-month  
18 delay of the dissolution by promising the Court at the trial  
19 setting, , which morphed into a status hearing as  
20 Respondent moved to continue at the hearing, that Respondent would  
21 secure and disclose medical records supporting her maintenance  
22 claim. Respondent failed to do that by the Court's deadline of  
23 . Respondent failed to move to continue that deadline, or  
24 notify the Court at all of any issue in conforming with that  
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THE COMMISSION CASE  
NUMBER IN YOUR REQUEST.**