

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-585

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

March 31, 2026

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge had poor administrative procedures.

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 March 31, 2026.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name: Judge's Name: Hon.

Instructions: Use this form or plain paper of the same size to file a complaint. Describe in your own words what you believe the judge did that constitutes judicial misconduct. Be specific and list all of the names, dates, times, and places that will help the commission understand your concerns. Additional pages may be attached along with copies (not originals) of relevant court documents. Please complete one side of the paper only, and keep a copy of the complaint for your records.

Statement of Facts

I understand that the Commission cannot reverse court orders, change rulings, or assign a new judge to my case. My concern is limited to whether the Court's communication practices in my case met the standards of judicial administration and ensured meaningful access for a disabled, self-represented litigant.

I have a formal diagnosis, and I am the full-time caregiver for my and medically complex adult son. Because of these combined factors, I rely on direct, predictable communication in order to understand and comply with court directives. The Court was informed of my disability status.

1. Court-Ordered Directive Not Provided to Me Directly
On , the Court issued a referral order for drug testing through its automated system (iCIS DPP). Although my correct email address is listed and active in the County electronic service system, the referral order was not sent to me. Instead, it was sent to a third party, , who is not a litigant in the case.

I did not receive the order directly and did not become aware of it until after the compliance deadline had already passed. Because I was never served with the referral, I had no meaningful opportunity to comply with the Court's requirement.

My concern is not with the existence or substance of the order itself, but with the fact that a time-sensitive directive carrying specific deadlines was not communicated to me directly, despite my correct contact information being on file.

2. Inconsistent and Indirect Communication
Following my disability disclosure, additional directives and case-related communication were routed through third parties or were learned only after deadlines had passed. Because of my and caregiving responsibilities, indirect or last-minute communication creates substantial functional barriers to participation that are predictable and avoidable.

These issues made it difficult for me to meet expectations and created the appearance of nonresponsiveness or noncompliance where the underlying problem was lack of direct notice.

3. Impact on My Ability to Participate
As the full-time caregiver for my son, I cannot leave him unsupervised or respond to sudden, unanticipated obligations without arranging appropriate care. When orders and referrals are not sent to me directly, I do not have a realistic opportunity to coordinate care or comply with court requirements.

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I am not asking the Commission to revisit or overturn any rulings. I am asking whether, under Rule 2.2 (impartiality), Rule 2.3 (nondiscrimination), and Rule 2.6 (ensuring every litigant's right to be heard), the Court's communication practices in my case were sufficient to provide a disabled, self-represented litigant with meaningful notice and an equal opportunity to participate.

Request for Review

I respectfully request that the Commission review:

1. Whether directing a time-sensitive referral order to a third party instead of the litigant meets the standard of meaningful notice;
2. Whether the Court's communication practices, after my disability disclosure, provided equal access to participation; and
3. Whether further guidance is appropriate to ensure that disabled litigants receive direct, timely notice of all orders and directives in similar circumstances.

Affirmation

I understand the Commission cannot reverse court orders or assign a new judge to my case.

I affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing information and the allegations contained in this complaint are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date: