

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-592

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

February 20, 2026

The Complainant alleged a justice of the peace violated her due process rights in a protective order case and had poor demeanor.

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 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 member Colleen E. Concannon did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on February 20, 2026.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name: [] Judge's Name: []

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.

I have emailed a Motion to Vacate and a Motion New Hearing, to the Justice Court, asking for the hearing that was conducted on at in Court Room with Honorable to be vacated and reviewed. I am no longer residing at AZ and was officially out of the home on however, I was denied due process during the proceedings, not allowed to present evidence in my case and told that the instructions of release conditions, given by the Judge a the time of his release, and then directly instructed to me by multiple Deputies involved in the case, were not valid. I was told that the police do not know the law and then told that I am not to listen to the police, if I have questions on the law that I am to come to a judge because only a judge knows the law. With all of the previous mentioned and Judge referring to the defendant by my last name multiple times, I feel that I need to involve the Judicial Conduct Commission and have a review of my case and the legality of what I was told by Judge before he amended the OOP and the release conditions given by separate judges. I have already obtained a full recording of the hearing and will be asking the Judicial Conduct Commission to do the same. Please also consider that multiple phone calls had to be made to the police reporting harassment from the defendant after Judge gave him access to the home and proximity to me before I could fully vacate.

Please receive the attached letter into the court record and contact me once they are processed and a full review has been made.

Re: Conduct of Judge at Hearing on

Your Name:

County: **County**

Case Type: Order of Protection – Enforcement Hearing

Hearing Date:

To the Judicial Conduct Commission:

I am submitting this complaint regarding the conduct of the judge who presided over my Order of Protection enforcement hearing on _____ in _____ County. I believe the judge’s actions and statements at the hearing raise serious concerns regarding judicial professionalism, neutrality, and adherence to proper legal standards.

Summary of the Issues

1. Improper comments directing me not to follow police instructions: During the hearing, the judge questioned my actions relating to the conditions of the Order of Protection I had filed against my ex-boyfriend, who had previously been arrested for assaulting me. The judge told me directly that I was “ _____ ” and that “ _____ ”

This statement was inappropriate, dismissive, and created confusion about lawful compliance with an active Order of Protection. Prior to the hearing, I followed the directions provided to me by law enforcement regarding the respondent’s access to the shared home. The judge’s assertion that police instructions should be disregarded was alarming and, in my view, undermines the legal process and public trust in coordinated protection procedures.

2. Overturning previous judges’ orders without explanation or legal justification:

judges before him had ordered that the respondent (my ex-boyfriend) be denied access to the residence due to the assault and ongoing safety concerns. Despite this, the judge at the _____ hearing reversed both prior rulings and granted the respondent access. This decision was made without a clear legal basis being stated on the record and appeared to disregard the safety considerations of a documented domestic violence case.

3. Tone, conduct, and dismissive treatment:

The judge's tone throughout the hearing was dismissive, critical, and lacking impartiality. His approach made it appear that I was being reprimanded for following official instructions given to me by law enforcement after a violent incident. This caused me significant distress and left me feeling unprotected and unheard.

4. Impact on my safety and legal rights:

As a petitioner seeking enforcement of an Order of Protection, I relied on the court to ensure my safety and uphold previous judicial determinations. Instead, the judge's conduct and rulings left me without the protections that had been in place and contributed to ongoing safety concerns involving the respondent.

Evidence

The hearing was officially recorded by the court, and the statements referenced above should be documented in the court's audio record. I can provide any additional information the Commission may need, including dates, case numbers, and supporting documentation.

Requested Action

I respectfully request that the Judicial Conduct Commission review the judge's conduct during the hearing to determine whether the comments and decisions made were consistent with judicial ethics, professionalism, and Arizona's standards for the handling of protective order matters.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,