

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-620

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

March 31, 2026

The Complainant alleged a justice of the peace pro tem was biased, had poor demeanor, and failed to follow the law in a small claims 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).

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on March 31, 2026.

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2025-620

COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

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I am filing this complaint regarding the conduct of Judge _____ in my small claims case in Justice Court,

Throughout the proceeding, Judge _____ demonstrated clear bias and unequal treatment by consistently favoring the _____-resident defendant while dismissing or minimizing my evidence as a non-resident. Despite my extensive written and photographic documentation—including messages, timestamps, insurance records, _____ and _____ records, and multiple exhibits—the judge largely ignored or refused to consider this evidence. In contrast, the defendant produced little to no supporting documentation, yet her unsupported statements were accepted without scrutiny. This created a clear appearance of partiality rather than the neutral, balanced evaluation required of a judicial officer.

The fairness of the hearing was further compromised by significant technical malfunctions in the court's audio and video systems, which prevented portions of my testimony from being heard. Instead of pausing the proceeding, correcting the issue, or allowing me to restate the testimony lost due to the malfunction, Judge _____ continued forward and refused to permit clarification. During this disruption, the judge displayed irritation and dismissive behavior toward me directly despite the issue originating from the court, further obstructing my ability to participate meaningfully and professionally.

I submitted extensive written and photographic evidence documenting major contradictions in the defendant's statements, including inconsistent claims about the main issues such as a unrepairable tire leak and it's concealment, the number and severity of windshield chips and cracks, the existence of mileage initials on the title, allegations involving a firearm, prior body repairs confirmed through insurance records, and the vehicle's actual condition compared to the _____ advertisement and written statements by the defendant. Judge _____ did not address these contradictions and instead accepted the defendant's shifting explanations without inquiry. Additionally, the judge allowed the defendant to make statements that were directly disproven by the evidence I submitted and failed to challenge or seek clarification regarding these falsehoods.

The defendant also failed to comply with multiple court-required filings and disclosures under Arizona law. She did not provide necessary documents, submitted incomplete or untimely filings, and relied on unsworn summaries rather than actual evidence. In response, I filed several formal written requests asking the court to require the defendant to provide missing documents, clarify contradictions, enforce procedural requirements, and confirm that the court had reviewed the evidence I submitted. Judge _____ ignored or refused to rule on these requests, effectively excusing the defendant from compliance and preventing the establishment of a complete and accurate record. This refusal restricted my ability to challenge unsupported claims and resulted in the court disregarding extensive documentation and photographic evidence showing concealed paint damage, a false initialing of mileage later branding the vehicle as "Not Actual Mileage" by the _____ undisclosed repairs, a tire intentionally filled with Fix-a-Flat to hide an unrepairable puncture, multiple windshield chips, extreme brake wear, and

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Finally, Judge _____ failed to apply or even acknowledge the Arizona statutes governing fraudulent misrepresentation, consumer fraud, and nondisclosure, despite my case meeting all of the statutory elements. The judge did not evaluate the legal standards relevant to fraud and an existing contractual agreement, did not address the materiality of the concealed defects, and did not analyze the evidence under the controlling law. Combined with the refusal to properly review evidence, the acceptance of unsupported statements, and the failure to enforce required court procedures, this resulted in a proceeding that lacked fairness, impartiality, and adherence to legal standards.

In summary, Judge _____ conduct demonstrated clear bias, refusal to follow procedural rules, failure to address formal requests, refusal to enforce legal requirements, unprofessional behavior during court malfunctions, failure to apply Arizona law, acceptance of unsupported or false statements, and disregard for substantial evidence. These actions collectively violated the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct and undermined the fairness and integrity of the judicial process.

I respectfully request that the Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct review this matter and take appropriate corrective action.