

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-621

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

April 14, 2026

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge was biased and made improper rulings in two civil cases.

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 member Roger D. Barton did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on April 14, 2026.

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2025-621

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.

Dear Arizona Judicial Commission:

I am submitting this supplemental complaint regarding ongoing judicial misconduct by Judge _____ in my consolidated HOA cases (_____ and _____). I respectfully request immediate review, as the actions described below continue to harm my constitutional rights, impair my access to the courts, and expose me to escalating harassment from opposing counsel. After carefully reviewing the 2025 Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct, I believe Judge _____ has violated multiple judicial ethics rules, including Rules 1.2, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 2.6, 2.9, and 2.11.

Judge _____ has repeatedly demonstrated bias, prejudice, and a pattern of rulings that overwhelmingly favor defense counsel _____ while disregarding my rights as an indigent, self-represented litigant. Despite a Court _____ mandate allowing me to refute and pursue my claims without prejudice, Judge _____ pushed the case prematurely into discovery, denied me reasonable time to amend my civil complaint, and allowed defense counsel to weaponize depositions and extensive, harassing discovery requests in a manner designed to intimidate me and undermine my ability to pursue a jury trial. His minute entries from _____, and _____ show a repeated unwillingness to evaluate my motions, consider prejudice, or intervene when defense counsel engaged in clearly retaliatory litigation tactics.

For example, his rulings allowed intrusive discovery targeting my medical history, childcare information, benefits records, tax returns, SNAP/AHCCCS data, and private household information—none of which are relevant to the merits of my claims. These requests mirror known abusive tactics _____ has used in prior litigation and were clearly intended to harass, surveil, and intimidate me. Although I filed multiple Motions for Protective Orders (_____ and _____) explaining the ongoing retaliation, the psychological harm, the attempts to create regulatory exposure, and the safety concerns, Judge _____ failed to rule promptly or provide any meaningful protection. This violates Rule 2.5 (diligence and timely action) and Rule 2.6 (ensuring the right to be heard).

Judge _____ decisions also show a pattern of ignoring or minimizing my filings. My motions to amend the complaint (_____), motions to strike abusive discovery, motions regarding harassment, and objections to consolidation were left unresolved or denied without explanation, while defense filings were routinely granted or adopted. The uneven procedural treatment creates a clear appearance of impropriety under Rule 2.11. Further, his willingness to allow discovery to proceed before my complaint was amended contradicts basic principles of due process, violates the appellate mandate rule, and jeopardizes my ability to properly frame my claims for a jury trial.

In addition, Judge _____ failed to act on concerns related to my safety and the need for an order of protection, despite documented patterns of litigation harassment and escalating misconduct by defense counsel. His failure to even acknowledge these concerns undermines confidence in the judiciary and violates Rule 2.3, which prohibits bias and requires a judge to act when a litigant is subjected to harassment. His handling of the case has also placed me at risk of continued retaliation, fear, and emotional distress, which directly impacts my ability to litigate—creating a constitutional injury under the Arizona and U.S. Constitutions.

A reasonable observer reviewing the record would conclude that Judge _____ has shown favoritism toward defense counsel, adopted their procedural framing, and permitted abusive discovery to continue unchecked. His actions have denied me a meaningful opportunity to be heard, interfered with my appellate rights, and obstructed my ability to pursue valid claims recognized as viable by the Arizona Court _____. These patterns constitute an abuse of discretion, an abuse of judicial authority, and violations of multiple judicial ethics rules, including impartiality (Rule 2.2), avoiding prejudice against indigent self-represented litigants (Rule 2.3), diligence (Rule 2.5), access to the courts (Rule 2.6), and the appearance of impartiality (Rule 2.11).

For these reasons, I respectfully request a formal investigation into Judge _____ conduct. The ongoing litigation harm, constitutional violations, and continued exposure to retaliatory legal tactics create real and immediate risk. I ask the Commission to intervene promptly to prevent further prejudice, ensure judicial accountability, and restore trust in the fairness of the proceedings.

Thank you for your attention and prompt consideration.