

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-628

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

March 31, 2026

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge failed to follow procedure and had poor demeanor 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).

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

Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct
1501 W. Washington Street, Suite 229
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2025-628

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.

Hello, My name is [] and I'm reaching out to you as a former resident of [] County and a Mother of a young girl named [] who has been used by both her abusive father and my abusive parents to gain control of me, as an incentive to silence me about their prolonged trauma and the courts' corruption surrounding our custody orders and parenting plan.

When I finally got recorded video evidence of a [] court judge using full-blown coercion against me, who had no attorney to advise me to speak or not, I knew I had to reach out to an oversight committee for accountability. Last [] failed to swear in anyone during a 3-hour evidentiary hearing, one that I had a complete [] shut down during. I even tried to tell her I was experiencing a attack due to facing my abuser in court and she screamed at me for calling him my abuser, even after seeing the domestic violence shelter documents (from both safe houses). I am the one who told the clerk that she failed to swear us in, so I didn't get the chance to exercise my right to ask for a retrial OR hold the other party accountable for the purjury they engaged in during the hearing. I sent an email to their court clerk about the lack of swearing in, and they reviewed the footage and transcript to find that I was correct. Even during my [] I recognized that. Suddenly, A Zoom call was scheduled for the judge to demand my [] that it was all truthful to my knowledge. I recorded footage of audio as she asked me the question in a 15-minute Zoom hearing due to her mistake, and she literally did not let me ask for a retrial. If yes wasn't coming out of my mouth, she interrupted my words to use her usual [] voice that I experienced throughout the proceedings, and without a lawyer to protect me or hold her accountable for doing so. I even asked for the recorded footage of the courtroom that day when she didn't swear anyone in, and it was never sent to me. I believe it was destroyed so she doesn't lose her job. I also know that this isn't the first mistake she's made in the case for my daughter. Instead of giving my ex felonies for [] months of custodial interference, those were dismissed by a CIVIL judge instead of the county attorney. [] was control of everything I try to do to get my baby away from my abusers. She forced me to say [] that day, and I was vulnerable, and [] causes this trauma response of doing what they say so I can be safe. I don't know how to hold them accountable if they refuse to send the requested recordings that I have the right to access and purchase, and share with an attorney who would represent me, hypothetically. However, I have the recording of her forcing me to say that the entire hearing was truthful to my knowledge instead of letting me ask for a retrial.

The reason I'm no longer a resident of [] County is that I had to flee the abusive relationship with her father twice, and he had compromised the [] Safe House location by showing up and blocking the exit. [] here in [] AZ was the closest other domestic violence shelter with an available bed. The assistant director from the Safe House and I called together for an intake interview. The day my daughter's dad showed up at the only safe house within [] miles, was possible because of my parents' assistance. This was when I knew I could no longer trust them to help me get out of the abusive relationship safely. We had been broken up for almost a year already and had joint custody when I had to flee his continued stalking. The [] Police Officer I spoke to in their lobby on [] Officer [] said it could have been a coincidence, small town roads are common for friends drinking. He didn't let me do anything about it so I left in tears, and that's when we did an intake to [] here, in [] Now called []

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As a former resident, I have been saying for years that tiny, small town courts like _____ County, _____ County, and the police departments within those regions would not be able to hire without conflicts of interest. Who else would be willing to stay in such a small, outdated place with no opportunities or long-term stability for adults who weren't grandfathered into a family business? The truth is that the addicts from my teenage years are now clerks and officers. They didn't change; they were just able to get a job that provides a legal immunity to their unethical practices, through family or friends who needed to fill a position badly. These positions are not outsourced to find qualified candidates. I know this because I'm in HR, and there are no career opportunities for me in these small, corrupt places. Holding agencies accountable is frowned upon, and your neighbors will make your life a living hell if you're the reason their son or nephew was questioned. There is a backwoods way of doing justice, and people have gotten away with horrible crimes thanks to having friends in the system. The resources for compliance don't exist. The enforcement of laws only applies to those who weren't cousins of the constable. The decade-old grudges of immature grown men is more of a driving force for justice than actual state statutes for people like this, and I say this as one of those people who grew up and got out, now knowing that is NOT how the real world works. I'm still putting myself through college to this very day, in hopes of forever escaping these abusive people with financial independence that was denied by my father at age _____ due to my wanting to move away for that education.

They are hateful and seem to have a personal bias against individuals who show they have made mistakes. I have, unfortunately, been that person for them more than once. They once sent me someone else's court docs with their social security number. I happened to know who it was personally, because of small-town normalities, I taught her son at Head Start. When I contacted the person whose information was compromised to tell her, the courts did nothing to fix it. The clerks are incompetent, make mistakes on LEGAL documents and shrug it off, knowing they'll get away with it. That's the thing about people who are never held accountable. They don't fear consequences; they use an appeal to force to make you fear them, instead. The amount of mishaps on their end is absurd, and I have a folder full of direct email communications about their mistakes and how it should have been addressed. Nothing happens, ever. I'm usually punished for asking about it, just like my abusive parents or abusive ex in the parenting plan case would do. They violated my rights and without a lawyer and in very real fear, I was unable to protect myself. The judge benefitted by my saying yes, and so did my abusive ex. Thanks to _____ and the _____ County Courts' mistakes, he gained so much control over my life with full disregard to my daughter's health and safety. That's not professional, legal, or acceptable. I have been alienated from my baby once again for months at a time while no enforcement of these orders ever occurs. I have filed noncompliance and even the Police Department of _____ filed a report themselves for custodial interference after I kept calling welfare checks when he didn't show up to the planned visit drop off time and location. That was all dismissed by _____ and he is getting away with it again. I know this will continue until I can change the venue of this case, which she kept denying without reason, even though I haven't lived in _____ County for _____ years. None of this aligns with court proceedings in any other town, city or respected court system.



Legal Missteps made at yesterday's hearing

8 messages

To:

I would like to request the minute entry/ transcription/ audio recording from yesterday's hearing, please.

Case number

Not that I expect anyone else in the courts to take these things seriously, but nobody was sworn in yesterday during the trial. The judge was too busy admitting that she doesn't review any of the filings because there are just too many of them. I would like a copy of these events for my own records. If someday I can ever afford an attorney to protect my daughter and I from continued abuse from her father, I will need records of these important events throughout her case. I will no longer be telling the truth in a testimony, as it only continues to give him the power of control over my personal life and mental health. I won't lie either. That's why I shut down yesterday and needed nothing else but to get out of that courtroom. It is not safe to challenge him by telling the truth, digital evidence or not. He already owns me. Yesterday I tried to surrender in hopes that he will finally deescalate the continued real-life harm he causes me, But If I'm going to continue to be indebted to my abuser who still owns me, I would at least like the documentation of how it keeps occurring. Thank you.

To:

Following up on this.

Why hasn't anyone responded with instructions on how to get the recordings of my own hearing?

The hearing that occurred on _____ was when nobody was sworn in. That hearing needs to be redone entirely due to the judges mistakes.

Secondly, I'm the zoom call made by the judge to correct her mistake, she persisted to use an appeal to force while I have no representation. I answered knowingly, and she made me change my answer to what she wanted it to be, not what I chose to say myself and without protection of an attorney to advise me on what to say or how to proceed that's coercion. I recorded the audio of that zoom call and have footage of her doing just that during this zoom call. Regardless of the legality of me recording the judge's coercion, in fairly confident that what she is doing or has done is much more of a criminal matter as a judicial officer.

This is why I need that recording.

To protect my daughter and myself when my abuser has been given full control over most aspects of my life as a single mother, DV victim, _____ patient, and preschool teacher who has been caring for children professionally for _____ years.

The judge has no idea what is occurring in this case and she admitted to not having known anything about half of the filings I made this year. She also admitted being anxious due to being under advisement then proceeded to mislead me in responding to my question shortly after trying to adjourn the hearing before I could ask anything. ...which is also further proof that she has done something in bad faith or there was a conflict of interest that was ignored when I questioned just that, and now my daughter still has no mother or early education while judge _____ is doing.... What?

I need clarification.

Case number

[Quoted text hidden]

To:

I am going to refer you to Court Administration regarding the audio, since they handle those requests. Their phone number is _____ . Or you may email _____ at:

Thank you,

| Judicial Assistant – Judge

County Court –

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Phone _____ | Fax _____

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Courtesy copies of pleadings may be emailed to

From:

Sent:

To:

Subject: Re: Legal Missteps made at yesterday's hearing

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

[Quoted text hidden]

To: "

Why have I been ignored for 2 weeks when contact information that takes one sentence to respond with was possible?

Is judge _____ aware that I have recorded her coercion against me in court proceedings? These things need to be addressed sooner than later, while she's under advisement. So that my daughter isn't being neglected by the courts system while my abuser is handed further power over me. This isn't acceptable.

[Quoted text hidden]

To:

----- Forwarded message -----

From:

Date:

Subject: Re: Legal Missteps made at yesterday's hearing

[Quoted text hidden]

[Quoted text hidden]

To:

Good Afternoon,

You will need to call the clerks office at [redacted] and request for a cd hearing for the date you want. It is [redacted] for each cd made and if mailing out will be an extra [redacted]. Once it has been paid I will provide the cd. If you have questions about the cd you can give me a call at [redacted]

Thank You

[redacted] - Court Administration Assistant
County Court

Phone

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From:

Sent:

To:

Subject: Fwd: Legal Missteps made at yesterday's hearing

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To:

Are you sure? I just need to clarify because nobody from the clerks office let me know that was how to request a recording, and they were including in the original email asking about two weeks ago. See attached...

I have heard different things from different people and there seems to be personal biases involved with my questions recording accountability by the courts... So I just need to be sure because they failed to make me aware of that process for a long time when this is a time sensitive matter.

I will call on [redacted] - but this answer is not very promising as the clerks office has literally given me trouble with procedures and records thereof in the past before this request was made. I have no problem paying for the hearings' recordings, each one I need. Being made aware of HOW to do that with [redacted] County specifically after I've sent several contact forms in request and even made calls to the county attorney regarding this matter, is very important to the case's progress.
Thank you.

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**FOR ACCESS TO THE
REMAINDER OF THE
COMPLAINT IN THIS MATTER,
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IN WRITING TO THE
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL
CONDUCT AND REFERENCE
THE COMMISSION CASE
NUMBER IN YOUR REQUEST.**