

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-631

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

March 3, 2026

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge failed to follow procedure 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).

Commission member Regina L. Nassen did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on March 3, 2026.

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Case No. [redacted]

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[redacted] police took a report and opened a case, but later advised me that they were "unable to verify" the number as his because he did not answer their call, and therefore no charges would be filed. This is another example of the system's unwillingness to enforce clear DV protections. Regardless of the charging decision, it shows [redacted] ongoing pattern of violating court orders and using third parties and new numbers to harass me, which heightens my fear as the [redacted] court date approaches.

I am a [redacted] year registered nurse, currently unable to work due to PTSD and anxiety and ongoing legal trauma. I am doing everything I can to follow the law, protect my son, and use the courts appropriately, but I feel that Judge [redacted] handling of my divorce and related matters has placed me in continued danger and financial ruin instead of providing protection.

I respectfully request that the Commission consider:

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I also questioned Respondent's attorney [redacted] about why, if I am allegedly so psychiatrically unstable, no guardian has ever been appointed for me, no guardian ad litem has ever been appointed for our child, and no agency or professional has ever been sent to check on our home or my parenting. I raised this point to highlight the inconsistency between the claims being made about my mental health and the actual behavior of the court and involved professionals over time. In response, she provided a vague, unsatisfactory explanation and then informed me that she no longer represents Respondent.

I also pointed out that, despite his attorney's claims that I am allegedly unstable and unsafe, Respondent has never once exercised his court-ordered visitation with our son. If he truly believed our child was in danger in my care, it is inexplicable that he has made no effort to see, protect, or even consistently inquire about him. Instead, he has used accusations about my mental health only as a weapon in court, not as a basis to take any real parental responsibility. Allowing these unsubstantiated allegations to block my default divorce, while Respondent refuses visitation and avoids his duties as a father, is an abuse of the court system and the law. It rewards bad-faith litigation tactics by a documented domestic-violence perpetrator and leaves a survivor and her child in prolonged legal and emotional danger.

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Initial Contact By Phone/Mail **DATE:** _____
 Victim-Initiated Change(s) In Person

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REPORTING AGENCY: _____ POLICE DEPARTMENT _____ Phone # _____
 Reporting Officer(s): _____ Complaint/Report/Citation #: _____
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 Offense/Type of Crime: **INTERFERE W/ JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS**
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If a citation is issued, the accused may appear at any time prior to the date and time shown.

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A. Who was the crime or offense committed against?
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