

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-650

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

March 31, 2026

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge made improper decisions 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 Joseph C. Kreamer did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

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

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My son has recently told me, "

." This was an extremely difficult message to hear. He is right. We spend a majority of our lives as adults. There is only a limited time where we can be kids and so it is important to protect and preserve childhood. The fact that he already feels like he is losing his time as a child is no surprise given how difficult his life has been up to this point. His happiness, his enjoyment of life, and his childish wonder should be a priority but they have been ignored to the point where he feels like they are being lost. Lawyers and judges have shown no interest in prioritizing this innocent child and have even actively obstructed his ability to share his own thoughts freely. Without his input about his own feelings, how are we expected to help him? If urgent action is not taken, he will spend the rest of his life with a scar of what could have been - the scar of a lost and ignored childhood. He is already showing signs of damage. His health and mindset have declined since some careless decisions have been made by the court. All of the pain and suffering that this child may endure will be the responsibility of attorneys and judges who made it happen. There is blood on their hands. If anybody studies our case from beginning to end, it becomes obvious that the child suffers and declines in correlation with actions that force him out of his comfort. The court happily ignores this obvious trend. All that needs to be done is a review of our entire case.

For this reason, I would like to bring to attention some concerns about the judge in my case, Honorable . She recently took over my case from a different judge.

Prior to her appointment to my case, the previous judge in charge of my case had established temporary orders that increased the parenting time between mother and the child. From the beginning, the child was uncomfortable with the increase in time with mother. He admits himself that he does not feel at ease when with mother which makes the increase in parenting an odd decision. Despite attempts to convey my child's feelings to the court and judge, the message was always dismissed and the temporary order persisted for an extended period of time.

Eventually, the judge moved on from the case and a new judge was appointed, Honorable . Initially I had optimism that my child would finally be listened to and respected.

However, this optimism was quickly eroded. Honorable first hearing was going to address the issue of parenting time. In the lead up to the hearing, I applied to allow for my child to testify to the court and be interviewed by a court advisor so that the relationship between the child and mother could be explored directly from the source. The court always reinforces that it prioritizes the best interests of the child and so it is understandable to me that the thoughts, feelings, and experiences of the child should be examined when applicable. Unfortunately, the application was denied. Eventually when the date of the hearing arrived, there was a misunderstanding and an interpreter was provided for me despite my wishes to not use an interpreter. Directly prior to the hearing commencing, my counsel and I requested that we conduct the hearing without the use of the interpreter. The judge denied our request and forced me to use the interpreter. I was instructed to not speak in English and to strictly use the

interpreter to convey all my thoughts. The use of the interpreter meant that it took twice as long to speak to the judge. I first had to speak to the interpreter and then the interpreter had to speak to the judge. This meant that my counsel and I were unable to present the totality of our arguments in the timeframe provided during the hearing. The opposing counsel was simply able to deliver and share more of their case which was unfair. Eventually the hearing came to an end and only a small fraction that I intended to present was able to be shared.

Ultimately once the judge came to a decision, she had made some bold orders. For example, she had ordered for both mother and I to attend an "in-person" 12 hour parenting class. Once I began searching for classes I realized how nonsensical such an order was. Firstly, very few parenting classes are offered in person. Especially in the _____ area, most parenting courses are virtual. Even those that are offered in-person rarely offer enrollment beyond 3-4 hours. The combination of the requested course length and in-person requirement yielded almost no options. One major detail that is crucial to my case is the fact that I am disabled and unable to drive. Even if I could find a class that meets all requirements, it would be extremely inconvenient to attend. To address these concerns, I filed a request for clarification and a request to have the order altered to allow for virtual classes. Despite explaining the limitations of her request and my physical limitations, she denied my request. By denying my request, she is admitting that she finds it acceptable to force a disabled person to put themselves in danger. I am almost completely _____. Simply being outside is a greater risk for me compared to the average person. The risks associated with needing to travel great distances with my disability are very high. I was not requesting a change in the curriculum or length of class, just a change of location. From this point, I understood that _____ is not a reasonable person.

More concerningly, she had amended our decree to permanently increase the parenting time of mother. Even if there is a hope that the relationship between mother and child will increase with more time together, this had already been disproven when the temporary order yielded no improvement. The permanent order of Honorable _____ has now been in place for several months and the same complaints from years ago still apply. To make such a decision with limited access to the details of our case while consciously refusing to listen to the child is beyond foolish. She is continuing to subject my son to a toxic environment that he openly pleads about. What kind of lesson are we teaching to this kid, that nobody will listen to you? The simple fact is that he is going to be broken down more and more as he is forced to stay against his wishes like a prisoner and as he is continually ignored. How is he meant to respect a system that does not respect him? This is exactly how criminals are made. Nobody is born bad. When the world around them continues to ignore them and beat them then eventually there is a snap. I fear for my child's health, sanity, and happiness. The judge's decision goes against all logic. She

has failed to consider what is at stake. She has failed her duty to protect the child in her case. I can only assume that she made the decision to uphold the increase in parenting time so that it aligns with the past judge's decision. It genuinely feels like some sick way to protect or approve their compatriots simply because they work together or share the same field. There is simply no reasonable explanation for her decision making. At the very least she could hear what the child has to say.

In the case that the child could not share the most direct information, it was my responsibility to present the case for his best interests. Even then, the judge made many efforts to prevent me from freely sharing information and it was extremely difficult to make a coherent presentation about the emotional torture that my child is suffering. As stated earlier, I was forced to use an interpreter despite my wishes to not use one and no interpreter being requested prior to the hearing. The judge was also very combative and interruptive, insisting that some things occurred too far in the past or were not relevant and generally breaking up the flow of my important case. I am sure that the hearing is recorded. There is clear evidence that I was never able to efficiently present the case for my child. There was even a mention of some cases that were filed within the past few years about complaints from the child about mother's behavior towards him. quickly moved on though and seemed dismissive of the cases since they had been closed with limited findings. The information that she chooses to value and the voices she chooses to hear are very particular and it felt like there was a bias towards mother. Honorable took the simplest decision to just continue the trajectory of the previous judge without thinking for herself or having to make a more defining decision. In doing so she has shown blatant disregard for the health, safety, and overall fulfillment of the child. Almost just complacent to being a bystander, Honorable is happy to allow a child to suffer and to not listen to anybody who disagrees with what she has done.