

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-654

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

April 21, 2026

The Complainant alleged a retired superior court judge improperly terminated his parental rights in 2014.

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 Delia R. Neal did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on April 21, 2026.

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Attachments: [854D8FE0-6CF7-42EA-9796-20C61730E901.png](#)
[Demand_for_Dismissal.pdf](#)
[Family_Court_Complaint_Letter_Redacted.pdf](#)

From:

Sent:

To: Commission on Judicial Conduct <CommissionJudicialCo@courts.az.gov>

Subject: Formal Demand for Investigation: Judicial Misconduct, Conflict of Interest & Civil Rights Violations in

Family Court

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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Arizona, under the gavel of Judge _____ — and I am coming forward to demand justice.

What happened to me in that courtroom was not just a miscarriage of justice — it was judicial betrayal. The very court designed to uphold the best interest of the child became a chessboard of cronyism and collusion.

THE FACTS THEY DIDN'T WANT ON RECORD:

- _____ the opposing counsel and my child's mother's attorney, had an unholy alliance with the very individuals assigned to defend and represent me.
- My court-appointed attorney—who should have defended me—worked with or under _____ in such close proximity, that it created a direct conflict of interest.
- My own public defender refused to let my fiancée (now wife), the woman I love and trust most, enter the courtroom to support me emotionally during this life-altering battle.
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BUT I'M STILL HERE. AND I REMEMBER EVERYTHING.

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2. Restorative justice acknowledgment for the wrongful termination of my rights — including any opportunity to clear my name, restore dignity, and hold accountable every party who failed to protect the integrity of justice.

3. Public transparency into the practices and communications that took place behind closed doors during this case.

THIS IS BIGGER THAN ME.

This is about every father who has been silenced by courtroom games. Every child who lost a real parent due to favoritism and fraud disguised as “best interest.” I will take this as far as I must.

If justice still lives in Arizona — I’m asking it to rise now.

I am a father. Not a criminal.

I was erased — not by law, but by bias.

And now, I return to reclaim my voice, my truth, and my legacy.

Case #

Submitted with full truth,

Former _____ Resident _____

Transcripts and documents on file

IN THE _____ COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA	
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF _____	
HON. _____	JUDGE
ORDER	
In the Matter of: _____ (S) Under the Age of 18.	NO: _____

The Court took the issue of termination of the father's parental rights under advisement following the trial. After considering the evidence presented, the Court makes the following findings, conclusions and orders:

In addition, the Court also has before it a collateral matter, [REDACTED] an action filed on [REDACTED] by the paternal grandmother for visitation rights. The Court directed the Petitioner to serve the appropriate parties at least five (5) days prior to the severance trial. No party was served prior to the severance trial in that case. As a result, the hearing set at the time of this trial was vacated, subject to further orders as a result of this severance trial.

The Court has subject matter and personal jurisdiction in [REDACTED]. The father, [REDACTED] is the legal father of [REDACTED] (DOB [REDACTED], as his name appears on the child's birth certificate.

The Petition for Termination of Parental Rights was filed on [REDACTED]. It is not clear when the father was served. The return of service indicates process was received on [REDACTED] and served on [REDACTED]. The Affidavit of Service was filed on [REDACTED]. Nevertheless, the father filed a responsive pleading on [REDACTED].

According to Exhibit 16, the social study, the father filed a Petition to Establish Decision Making/Parenting Time in [REDACTED] of [REDACTED].

However, in Exhibit 9, the case number appears to be [REDACTED] which may suggest that Petitioner attempted to avoid service. [REDACTED]

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Additionally, it appears that an altercation at a [REDACTED] food bank in [REDACTED] [REDACTED] may have been the event that caused these parties to invoke issues concerning the child.

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Thank you for your response.

While I acknowledge that Judge [redacted] retired in [redacted] retirement does not erase misconduct, nor does it absolve a judge from scrutiny or investigation if their actions violated the law, the Constitution, or the public trust while they held power.

This isn't about changing legal rulings—it's about upholding ethical accountability and exposing systemic failures. If a judge weaponized their position to violate civil rights, display bias, or operate outside legal boundaries, retirement is not a shield from exposure.

This is a matter of public interest, historical record, and justice.

If a retired officer of the court misused the bench, the people deserve to know.

So to be clear:

I do wish to proceed with the complaint.

I am not requesting legal reversal, but a formal investigation, review, and public acknowledgment of judicial misconduct during [redacted] tenure.

I am also demanding a referral to the appropriate federal or oversight authorities who are not bound by the Commission's jurisdiction limits.

Let us not confuse the expiration of power with the expiration of truth.

If it's unjust, it must be addressed. If it's unethical, it must be documented.

I trust you will take this position seriously, not simply for me, but for the integrity of Arizona's judiciary.

Sincerely,

On [redacted] at [redacted] Commission on Judicial Conduct <CommissionJudicialCo@courts.az.gov> wrote:

Hello:

Judge [redacted] retired in [redacted] and the Commission has no authority to change any legal rulings. Do you still wish to proceed with a complaint against retired Judge [redacted]?

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**THE COMMISSION'S POLICY IS
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PAGES OF ANY DISMISSED
COMPLAINT ON ITS WEBSITE.**

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