

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-668

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

April 24, 2026

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge denied his right to be heard by shortening the time allotted for a hearing by thirty minutes. Complainant also alleges Respondent engaged in poor demeanor, issued delayed rulings, and had a conflict of interest.

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 members Joseph C. Kreamer and Regina L. Nassen did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on April 24, 2026.

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I. About the Complainant.

I am a _____ with disabilities. Among my disabilities, I have been diagnosed with _____. I also have a disability effecting my _____. I have multiple _____ in my _____. These include both an _____ and _____. These _____ have been verified by MRI, and although I've sought surgical correction.

In addition, I have an _____ in the _____. (The _____ is a network of _____ surrounding the _____ creating stability.) The combination of instability in the _____ and inflammation in the _____ means my disability is likely permanent. Although there are surgeries available to repair either condition individually, the fact that I have _____ both means I cannot receive surgical correction for this disability. E.g., I cannot have a _____ release surgery because it would diminish stability in the _____, which is already unstable due to multiple _____. And I cannot have surgical repair to the _____ because of the already restricted mobility from the _____.

This disability limits the range of motion in my _____. External rotation particularly limited. In addition, I have limits in my ability to extend my _____ overhead. And I have pain while attempting to fully extend my _____. Other times I simply cannot move my _____ through a normal range of motion.

This disability imposes practical day-to-day limits in my life. The most important one to me is that I am limited in my ability to pick up or carry my children. I cannot support my children's weight lifting them in front of me. I can also no longer lift them overhead during the father-son play that was previously typical in my household. This limitation saddens me deeply.

I can no longer loop a belt through pants I am wearing. I instead need to loop the belt before I put on pants. I also have difficulty donning and doffing the formal coats that are customarily worn by _____ without assistance.

Typing is also problematic. Maintaining an outstretched arm as required to type is now a time limited activity for me. The reason for this is _____ instability. To the extent my _____ has stability, much of the labor for that is shifted to muscles around the _____ or in the _____. Maintaining the outstretched arm position required to type wears these muscles, and the time I can spend engaged in this activity is limited by my disability.

This condition also impacts my ability to sleep. For most of my life, I've been a side sleeper, lying on the left side. However, that is no longer possible due to the severe pain of supporting my bodyweight on the disabled . Lying on the right side also results in interrupted sleep, because as I doze off and relax, the muscles in the loosen just enough that I feel slipping in the . That is painful enough to wake me up. So there are nights that I barely sleep because of my .

Because of my disability, every day I wake up with a limited, finite amount of typing I can do. The exact amount varies with the condition of my and muscles. But the limit is always there.

II. Background on the underlying case.

The underlying case is . I am a pro per plaintiff in that case. I sued my former employer for terminating me in violation of an express contractual provision limiting termination to termination for good cause, which the contract defines very narrowly as failure to bill sufficient hours.

The contract was negotiated through the Spring, Summer, and Fall of . Notably, the Defendant's principal, , was my lawyer during the entire period I was negotiating the agreement. Specifically, he was hired to prepare my estate plan, including a provision for the succession of my business. I relied on him as my lawyer when he discussed the agreement to me. Notably, tThat agreement also included a sale of the business.

The contract between me and him also provided for continuing legal services, so he remained my lawyer through and after he breached the contract. In fact, he didn't send a closing letter on my legal representation until . Most of his conduct in the case, including filing motions for sanctions while he was still my lawyer created a conflict of interest.

While he was my lawyer and owed me a duty of total candor, assured me that I was meeting my hours and therefore not subject to for cause termination. However, he changed his mind when I started asking him to honor ethical duties to clients. In , changed the firm policy related to advancing contingency fees on client cases. With respect to one client, he did this retroactively, meaning he

That issue led to a discovery dispute in this case. Defendant absolutely refused to respond to certain discovery, ever. Although it requested a 60 day extension, it also refused to commit to answering the discovery even if that extension was granted. That forced undersigned to submit a Rule 26(d) statement. _____ seems to have misunderstood the issue. She seems to think I was unwilling to grant an extension to my opposing counsel. That is simply untrue. The problem was that she wasn't willing to agree to any date whatsoever on which she would actually answer. In any event, that dispute got resolved by a Rule 26(d) hearing, with her not granting the hearing contemplated by Rule 26(d)

Relatedly, the dispute also involves payment obligations related to a _____. Although the Court has not yet held trial, Judge _____ has already committed herself to the position that I drove the _____ to a hearing in the case. She has further accused me of stealing the _____, when that neither of those issues was before her for decision.

III. Failure to ensure right to be heard regarding preliminary injunction.

This case began with a preliminary injunction hearing. Judge _____, _____ minute entry setting the hearing indicated it was set for 90 minutes. However, she cut the hearing short, limiting it to less than an hour. As part of this, she cut my time short, which resulted in me being unable to testify to certain crucial facts in my case.

When Judge _____ cut the hearing off early, I advised her of the minute entry indicating that it was 90 minutes and that I was planning to use my last 15 minutes, which she took away, for my own testimony. She indicated that the minute entry was a mistake. She also refused to take action to correct the mistake, which resulted in me losing my right to be heard. Specifically, I lost the chance to testify about my medical condition, disabilities, and their relevance to the relief I was seeking.

If she had given me the time that the minute entry promised, I would have been able to testify about my medical condition, the need for transportation to access it, and the potential irreparable harm associated with it. After she took away my time by surprise, she lambasted me from the bench about failure to present that very information. Her criticism was highly unusual. In fact, my opposing counsel glibly boasted: “_____” Moreover, the strident tone of her criticism illustrates the prejudice that resulted from her decision to disregarding Rule 2.6 and deprive me of my right to be heard. It appears she correctly apprehended the

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