

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 26-017

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

April 7, 2026

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge failed to follow procedural rules regarding the filing of an appellate brief in a criminal 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 April 7, 2026.

Attachments: [complete time extension issue .pdf](#)

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I. ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

COMPLAINT

Canon 1, Rule 1.1 & Canon 2, Rule 2.2

Complainant

Respondent

Judge

County Court Judge

(Underlying procedural orders involved Judge)

Jurisdiction and Purpose

This complaint is submitted pursuant to the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct.

It concerns judicial compliance with mandatory procedural rules, fairness of process, and integrity of the record, not disagreement with the merits of a ruling.

Applicable Canons and Rules

Canon 1, Rule 1.1 — Compliance with the Law

Canon 2, Rule 2.2 — Impartiality and Fairness

Chronology of Events (Record-Based)

— The State filed a motion for extension of time citing only “understaffing.”

— Judge granted the motion the same day it was filed, without a response window.

— The original filing deadline passed while the validity of the order was in dispute.

— Judge vacated the original order and reissued the extension after the deadline had expired.

— Judge reaffirmed the reissued extension, despite the mandatory default rule.

Requested Review

I respectfully request that the Commission review whether Judge _____ conduct complied with Canon 1, Rule 1.1 and Canon 2, Rule 2.2, particularly with respect to enforcement of mandatory procedural rules and preservation of record integrity.

CITY COURT

State of Arizona vs.		Attorney:	
Docket Number(s):			
			<input type="checkbox"/> Bond Posted

ORDERS OF THE COURT

<p>A Continuance requested by <input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> Defendant extraordinary circumstances existing. Continuance <input type="checkbox"/> granted <input type="checkbox"/> denied Time is <input type="checkbox"/> excluded <input type="checkbox"/> included per Ariz. Rules Crim. Proc.</p> <hr/> <p>Appear at the next hearing:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pretrial <input type="checkbox"/> Trial <input type="checkbox"/> COP <input type="checkbox"/> Prob. Revocation <input type="checkbox"/> Legal <input type="checkbox"/> Prob. Disposition <input type="checkbox"/> Evidentiary <input type="checkbox"/> Arraignment <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Date: _____ Time: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Defendant <input type="checkbox"/> Bond Poster FAILED TO APPEAR <input type="checkbox"/> Forfeit Bond/Deposit</p>	<p>IT IS ORDERED THAT</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Defendant <input type="checkbox"/> Bond Poster <input type="checkbox"/> Other On _____ at _____ is to appear and show cause why: <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to revoke should not issue <input type="checkbox"/> 9 days jail should not be ordered for violation of home detention <input type="checkbox"/> Def. should not be held in contempt. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>FOR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Failure to appear in court this date <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to pay fine, restitution, and/or fees <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to show proofs: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Willful disobedience of Court Order, to wit: _____</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Issue Warrant (NIC) <input type="checkbox"/> Order Default <input type="checkbox"/> Set Bond:</p> <hr/> <p>Defendant not appearing at</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Arraignment <input type="checkbox"/> Pretrial <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing <input type="checkbox"/> Trial <input type="checkbox"/> Sentencing <input type="checkbox"/></p> <hr/> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Release defendant from the custody of Sheriff <input type="checkbox"/> Detain in custody until full satisfaction</p> <hr/> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Transport Defendant</p>
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Appellant's Motion for Extension of Time to File Opening Memorandum is granted, good cause appearing. Filing due date is extended to _____

Appellee's Motion for Extension of Time to File Answering Memorandum is granted. Filing due date is extended to _____

<p>I have received a copy of this Minute Entry.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Defendant</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Address</p> <p>_____</p> <p>City _____ ZIP _____</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Pull for review by undersigned _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Date _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Date _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Presiding Magistrate</p>
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IN THE CITY COURT FOR THE CITY OF

COUNTY OF _____, STATE OF ARIZONA

STATE OF ARIZONA,

Appellee/Plaintiff,

vs.

Appellant/Defendant.

DOCKET NO.

CITATION NO.

MOTION TO EXTEND TIME

Presiding Judge

THE STATE OF ARIZONA, by the undersigned, pursuant to Ariz. Super. Ct. R. Crim. App. Proc. 8(a)(2) and 8(b), respectfully requests an extension of time to file its Appellee's Answering Memorandum in the above captioned matter. This request is made due to ongoing understaffing and high workload volume. The State's memorandum is currently due on _____ The State respectfully requests an extension until _____, to file its memorandum. This motion is made in good faith and not for purposes of delay.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this _____ of

STATE OF ARIZONA

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