

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 26-029

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

April 7, 2026

The Complainant alleged a justice of the peace made an improper decision in a protective order matter.

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 7, 2026.

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You can paste this directly into the online complaint form or attach it as a written statement.

****Judicial Conduct Complaint – Integrated Draft****

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AZ

****Judge:****

[Judge's Name]

[Pinal County Court / Case Number]

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Rule 2.6 – Ensuring the Right to Be Heard

Rule 2.8 – Decorum, Demeanor, and Communication

Rule 2.15 – Responding to Judicial and Lawyer Misconduct

Harm Caused by Judge _____ and _____

The judge's decision placed me in physical danger

Judge _____ undermined the protections granted by the Order of Protection

Enabled the defendant to continue coercive control through the court system

Caused severe emotional distress

Triggered debilitating _____ symptoms

Required me to seek emergency legal assistance

Additional Evidence of Misrepresentation and Safety Risk

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****Summary of Misconduct****

I am filing this complaint because the judge's actions in my case created a serious and foreseeable risk to my safety, disregarded the protections granted to me under Arizona law, and appear to violate multiple provisions of the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct. The judge granted my abuser access to my home based on false statements, despite an active Order of Protection, the defendant's failure to appear, and an outstanding arrest warrant. These actions undermined the integrity of the judicial process and caused significant harm, including severe symptoms that forced me to leave the state.

****Background****

I have an active Order of Protection issued in _____ County against the defendant, who has a documented history of domestic violence. The defendant was properly served and failed to appear in court, resulting in a warrant for his arrest.

The defendant was also served in court with a move-out order request. He refused to file the required response for ****eight months****, despite being under court direction to do so.

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), I require a reasonable accommodation that all communication with the court and law enforcement be conducted exclusively through my legal counsel. Direct contact from the judge or deputies involved in this case is not medically or psychologically safe for me.

I respectfully request that the Commission take this into account when reviewing this complaint and ensure that any future communication regarding this matter respects my ADA accommodation needs.

Violations of the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct (as applicable)

The judge's actions appear to violate:

Rule 1.1 – Compliance with the Law

Rule 1.2 – Promoting Confidence in the Judiciary

Rule 2.2 – Impartiality and Fairness

Rule 2.5 – Competence, Diligence, and Cooperation

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Additional Evidence of Misrepresentation and Safety Risk

The defendant claimed he needed personal access to my home, yet he hired individuals from _____ for _____ per hour to retrieve his belongings. This demonstrates that he had the ability to arrange for third-party retrieval without violating the Order of Protection or placing me at risk. Despite being on SSDI, he was able to pay for outside labor, which contradicts any implication that he lacked alternatives or resources.

The judge approved his request to enter my home without verifying these facts, without requiring evidence, and without considering that the defendant had already arranged for others to access the property. This further shows that the order granting him access was unnecessary, unsafe, and based on misleading information.

Additionally, the involvement of unknown individuals hired through social media created a significant safety concern for me and my property. Deputies did not intervene or enforce the protections available to me, despite the clear risks associated with allowing strangers to enter a residence protected by an active Order of Protection.