

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 2026-028

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

June 5, 2026

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge did not timely set a hearing on a petition to enforce the divorce decree, allowed the opposing party to avoid service, and rushed her and made errors in a contempt hearing.

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 Regina L .Nassen, Delia R. Neal, and Christopher P. Staring did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on June 5, 2026.

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**2026-028****COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE****Name:****Judge's Name:**

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Issue #1

We had an evidentiary hearing scheduled on

I filed a petition to enforce the divorce decree on so that it was done and filed prior to our hearing.

During the hearing on the at the beginning the Judge stated that I had filed a petition the day prior on the and the defendants attorney confirmed she had received the service - email of the petition but hadn't had a chance to look it over. He said that a date would be set for the petition.

I was still waiting for a date to be set for the petition to enforce the divorce decree I filed on the

I filed a motion for a change in Child Support on During the time the Judge told me that I needed to have the defendant served for the child support and to go ahead and serve him with the petition I filed on the as well. I advised / reminded the Judge that I had previously submitted the petition to attorney on file and that she had confirmed receipt in court on . He basically said that he didnt recall that and said I would need to have the defendant served with the petition to enforce the divorce decree as well as the child support.

The issue is that he is avoiding service. So now that he is avoiding service for the child support, I have not been able to get him served for the petition to enforce either. So we have not been to court or had anything done regarding my filing from

I did remind the Judge that I had already served him through his attorney for the petition to enforce. I also, emailed service of the child support over to because she was still the attorney on file on . She petitioned the court on to be removed as the attorney even though there were two open petition regarding the case still. The Judge approved her dismissal on

Since the attorney on record had withdrawn from the case and Judge is telling me that I had to have him served I made multiple attempts with a service company. I have documented proof that he was avoiding service and even ran from the process server with pictures of the garage door half way down and both cars in the driveway because he ran inside and closed the garage door on the process server.

Issue #2

I advised the Judge when I attended the hearing that he was avoiding service and asked about doing service by publication since I couldn't get him served at work or home.

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The Judge advised me that we can ONLY do service by publication if we do NOT have a current address for him. I researched this and what I found states that if someone is avoiding - evading the process server and there is evidence then you are able to do service by publication. I should have been able to do the service by publication since there were multiple attempts made to have him served and evidence of him evading the service.

ISSUE #3

During the hearing there were multiple incorrect things that I was found in contempt of court for. The first is that I had an insurance policy which was in my name only and listed the defendant as a driver. The day after I filed for divorce he crashed his car and totaled it. The insurance company paid off his loan and sent me a check for the remainder. The check was shared 50/50 and the defendant purchased a vehicle from our adult daughter with part of his half and was given the cash for the other half. The judge order me to pay him the amount back in full. He took possession of the vehicle, titled it, has it registered and still drives the vehicle. The Judge should have absolutely made him return the vehicle he purchased with those funds if the funds are going to be ordered to be returned.

The Judge did not listen to my evidence, rushed me and my witnesses because the defendant went over time in the hearing. It appears to me that since the other party had an attorney he favored them in the case.

I was also found in contempt of court for an escrow check. The escrow check was sent to our house. I was not even aware of the check until we had a court hearing and it was brought up by the defendant. I went to our old house and checked the mail and found the check. I did NOT even have the check or know about it until it was brought up in court and the judge ordered me to to pay the defendant half of something I didn't even have. I told the Judge I had not cashed it or anything and was waiting for court. The Judge said to give the defendant half of that check by a certain date. So I gave him his half before cashing it. It had both of our names on the check so I had to have the defendant sign it. I took his half to his attorneys office and dropped it off. At our hearing on _____ I brought the check to have it signed and he signed it tiny so you couldn't even read it. I told the Judge what he did and the Judge looked at the check and had him resign it. I am including a copy. I went to deposit this check and it bounced. The defendant had called the mortgage company and put a stop on that check prior to even signing it. He had a new check issued to him and had already forged my name on that check and deposited it. He then put a pin number on our mortgage acct so I can no longer get any information. They did advise me that there was a new check issued to him at his address and cashed. This was all part of the original petition to enforce that I filed almost a year ago and have not gotten any resolution for and has been ignored by the judge.

There were a few other issues during this case and it is very unfortunate that the Judge is not listening to

When he signed
it like this in
court the judge -
had him re-sign it.

He did this because he
had already put a STOP
Payment on the check.

CHECK HAS MULTI-COLORED SCREEN. IF NO SCREEN EXISTS DO NOT CASH.

Reference:

Check No:

Void if not cashed within 180 days

Amount	Date

Authorized Signature

PAY TO THE
ORDER OF