

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 26-052

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

April 14, 2026

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge failed to follow the law in a probate 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).

Commission member Roger D. Barton did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on April 14, 2026.

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2026-052

COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name: Democratic Candidate Judge's Name:

Instructions: Use this form or plain paper of the same size to file a complaint. Describe in your own words what you believe the judge did that constitutes judicial misconduct. Be specific and list all of the names, dates, times, and places that will help the commission understand your concerns. Additional pages may be attached along with copies (not originals) of relevant court documents. Please complete one side of the paper only, and keep a copy of the complaint for your records.

On _____, I notified Judge _____ of the conflict of interest relating to the _____;
of _____; _____ of _____; and _____ of _____.
The filing showed that _____ was VP at _____ for over a decade.
_____ was also a part of _____. This does not even go into the
fact the _____ are all related.

On _____ and _____, Judge _____ ordered the filings to be stricken from the docket to prevent appellate review and prevent the administration of justice.

The documents outlined the relationship via public filings, not speculation.

I will attach the filing to this document as Exhibit A.

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EXHIBIT A

Pro Se

IN THE COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF

In the Matter of the Conservatorship for,

,
an adult

NO.

**RESPONSE TO MOTION TO STRIKE
MOTION TO REMOVE
GUARDIAN AD LITEM
FOR CAUSE**

**Hon.
Probate Judge**

**RESPONSE TO MOTION TO STRIKE MOTION TO REMOVE
GUARDIAN AD LITEM FOR CAUSE**

COMES NOW; , . (“ ”);

Candidate for House of Representatives; pro

Se; and respectfully responds to the Guardian ad Litem’s Motion to Strike filed

, pursuant to Ariz. R. Civ. P. 12(f), and states as follows:

I. LEGAL STANDARD GOVERNING MOTIONS TO STRIKE

Rule 12(f) permits striking material only if it is “redundant, immaterial, impertinent, or scandalous.” Ariz. R. Civ. P. 12(f). Motions to strike are **disfavored** and are not a substitute for adjudicating disputed factual issues or weighing evidence. Where

1 challenged material is relevant to a claim or defense, or bears on the court's
2 discretionary oversight of fiduciaries, striking is improper.

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4 In probate proceedings, the court has an independent obligation to ensure
5 the neutrality, candor, and absence of divided loyalty of fiduciaries, including a guardian
6 ad litem. Material facts bearing on conflicts or the appearance of impropriety are
7 therefore **presumptively relevant** and not subject to striking.

9 **II. THE MOTION TO STRIKE MISAPPLIES RULE 12(f)**

10 The Motion to Strike asserts that the Motion to Remove should be struck
11 because it is allegedly “waived,” “without merit,” or “scandalous.” None of those
12 assertions satisfy Rule 12(f).

14 **A. Waiver is not a Rule 12(f) ground.**

15 Whether an issue is waived is a merits determination. Rule 12(f) does
16 not authorize striking a pleading because the movant contends the
17 argument fails or is barred. The proper vehicle for waiver arguments is
18 a response on the merits, not a motion to strike.

21 **B. Allegations grounded in public records are not scandalous.**

22 The Motion to Remove relies exclusively on Arizona
23 filings — official, statutory disclosures. Public records
24 offered to inform the court's conflict analysis cannot be characterized
25 as scandalous as a matter of law.

27 **C. Relevance defeats striking.**

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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL
CONDUCT AND REFERENCE
THE COMMISSION CASE
NUMBER IN YOUR REQUEST.**