

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 26-067

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The Complainant alleged a superior court commissioner failed to rule on motions and improperly closed an estate 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.

This complaint was erroneously opened as Complainant already had a pending matter against the same judicial officer involving the same underlying probate case, and the allegations of the complaint were substantially identical. The Commission has issued a substantive dispositional order in the other complaint filed by Complainant. Therefore, this complaint will be administratively closed and dismissed pursuant to Commission Rules 16(b) and 23(a).

Commission member Joseph C. Kreamer did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Dated: June 9, 2026

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Christopher P. Staring

Hon. Christopher P. Staring
Commission Chair

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on June 9, 2026.

TO:

FROM:

Duly Appointed Personal Representative

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2026-067

DATE:

RE:

Judicial Misconduct, Abuse of Authority, and Conduct Prejudicial to the Administration of Justice
Superior Court of Arizona –
Judge

Commission Members,

I submit this formal complaint requesting investigation into **judicial misconduct by Judge** arising from her handling of an Arizona probate matter that resulted in **ongoing financial harm, denial of due process, and obstruction of appellate review.**

This complaint does **not** challenge the merits of a judicial ruling. It addresses **judicial conduct** that exceeds discretion and constitutes **abuse of authority, failure to perform judicial duties, and conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice.**

IDENTIFICATION OF JUDGE

- **Judge:**
- **Court:** Superior Court of Arizona,
- **Case:** Estate of
- **Complainant:** Duly Appointed Personal Representative

SUMMARY OF JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT

Judge engaged in a **pattern of conduct** that:

- Knowingly allowed an **unauthorized heir** to exercise control over estate assets
- Failed to require proof of authority, accounting, or fiduciary compliance
- Ignored and failed to rule on pending fraud motions
- Delayed issuance of a signed, appealable order
- Obstructed appellate review
- Prematurely closed the probate case while theft was ongoing

- Silenced the duly appointed Personal Representative

These actions **directly enabled the misappropriation of approximately \$** in estate assets, a loss that remains ongoing.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. was the **lawfully appointed Personal Representative** of the estate.
 2. an heir, **had no fiduciary appointment and no legal authority** to control estate assets.
 3. Despite this, Judge
 - o Accepted filings and requests from without proof of authority
 - o Required no bond, inventory, or accounting
 - o Failed to rule on a pending fraud motion
 4. submitted **fabricated vendor requests** and removed estate assets.
 5. Judge delayed issuing a **signed final order**, preventing timely appellate review.
 6. The Court of Appeals rejected the appeal solely because the order lacked judicial signature.
 7. Despite multiple motions requesting a signed order, Judge delayed further.
 8. During this delay, estate assets continued to be taken without court intervention.
 9. Judge ultimately signed and filed the order only after a judicial complaint was initiated.
 10. The probate case was closed while fraud allegations and asset losses remained unresolved.
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CANONS AND STANDARDS IMPLICATED

Judge conduct implicates, at minimum:

- **Failure to uphold the integrity and independence of the judiciary**
- **Failure to perform judicial duties competently and diligently**
- **Abuse of judicial authority**
- **Conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice**
- **Failure to provide due process and access to appellate review**

The delay and obstruction were **not clerical errors**. They were **knowing judicial acts** with foreseeable and harmful consequences.

ONGOING HARM

This misconduct resulted in:

- Approximately \$ in ongoing estate losses
- Denial of appellate oversight

- Shielding of unauthorized conduct
- Erosion of public confidence in the judiciary

The harm is **current, measurable, and directly traceable** to judicial actions and omissions.

RELIEF REQUESTED

I respectfully request that the Commission:

1. Investigate Judge conduct
2. Determine whether her actions constitute judicial misconduct
3. Assess whether her conduct obstructed appellate review
4. Take appropriate disciplinary or corrective action
5. Refer findings to other authorities if warranted

EXHIBITS (ATTACHED)

- Exhibit A: Order appointing Personal Representative
- Exhibit B: Fraud motion(s) filed and unresolved
- Exhibit C: Minute entries showing delayed/unsigned orders
- Exhibit D: Court of Appeals rejection for lack of signed order
- Exhibit E: Motions requesting signed order
- Exhibit F: Evidence of unauthorized asset removal and vendor requests
- Exhibit G: Timeline of judicial actions and resulting harm

DECLARATION

I declare under penalty of perjury that the facts stated in this complaint and the attached exhibits are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed on:

Signature: _____

EXHIBIT

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FILED BY:

DEPUTY CLERK

Attorney for Applicant

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF

In the Matter of:

Case No.:

Deceased.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE DUTIES OF
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

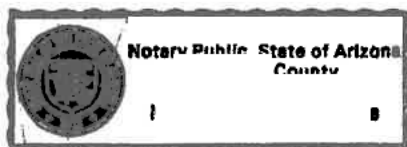
STATE OF ARIZONA)
) ss.
County of)

I, _____ having been appointed as Personal Representative
and/or Special Administrator to administer the _____ accept
the duties of such office(s).

DATED this _____ day of _____

Petitioner

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this _____ day of _____ by _____



Notary Public

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