

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 26-154

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

June 2, 2026

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge did not allow her to be heard, did not consider her evidence, and made improper decisions in a family law 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 members Denise K. Aguilar, Michael J. Brown, and Regina L. Nassen did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on June 2, 2026.

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To whom it may concern,

I appreciate you taking the time to review my complaint in this case, as well as the misconduct and negative outcomes this misconduct has lead to in this case. I initially wanted to address this judge's ruling through an appeal after the ruling was given on . I was lead to believe I was unable to at that time due to this being a temporary ruling. Since then even more misconduct and mishandling of this case has occurred, as well as events that prove Mothers concerns should have been heeded by the court at the time of trail that were not. I have provided a small time line to help put events into context and have also broken down my complaint into three different sections. Before- events leading up to court, During- hearing scheduled on , and After- all that has transpired since this reckless ruling was issued. My complaint regarding the Judge are specifically:

- My rights were violated during the hearing on
- I was not allowed equal and fair opportunity to present my case on
- His ruling submitted in this case on has directly endangered the lives of the child involved and others
- The judge does not uphold the law in his court. He allows the court process to not be fallowed () and does not hold all in court to the same legal standard (and to current)
- He does not have sound morals ethics and does not practice good judgment in his court that oversees the safety of children.

This behavior is outlined in detail in sections During and After.

Timeline

Separated
Divorced
Current order issued (hearing)
Son arrested 1st time
Court
Ruling
Released back to Father after running away from Fathers
Turned in by Father to be arrested and detained
Current- Son continues to remain detained
Hearing set for (judge ordered continuance)
Hearing set for

Before

I sat before Judge for the first time on . I had filed a motion for Emergency Temporary Orders for Parenting Time and Legal Decision Making against my ex-husband regarding our oldest son, . I filed almost a month prior on . The petition was filed based on allegation Father had been allowing our oldest son to engage in partaking of drugs and alcohol while at his home, while also trying to alienate my relationship with the oldest son who is a y/o teenager. Father of course painting himself to the child as the fun unrestrictive parent while painting Mother as the overbearing and nagging Mom. I had also been having some recent struggles with our son with his behavior worsening over the previous year (since Father started allowing this behavior), but more specifically in the weeks just prior to filing on . He had been running away to spend time with his girlfriend who is not a good influence and is also in and out of mental institutions. He was arrested on for repeatedly punching my windshield. His worsening behavior had been encouraged by Father over the previous year, who even continued to encourage our son to breaking my rules even after his arrest on . Father was also partaking in these activities with the child. He not only admitted to this openly to Mother when confronted about what had told her, but

also Father later testified to this in court on our . I had recently obtained evidence of Father admitting to this in text message. I had been told about these activities prior by our son and I had consulted a lawyer at that time. They advised me to wait until I had some kind of evidence to prove this was happening, which is what I did.

I petitioned the court to order temporary supervised visits with Father to keep our oldest son from continuing to engage in this behavior and keep him safe from these influences, as well as to keep his behavior from worsening so he did not end up in a situation where he was incarcerated or worse. I also asked for, temporary sole legal decision making for both children for their safety; and I was previously awarded final say authority after our half day hearing. This was a half day trial that looked over years of evidence between Father and I.

The petition I filed was promptly denied by the judge who thought it appropriate to grant Fathers petition without notice stating that I committed an act of domestic violence against our son. This was a false claim made by Father to the court. There was no evidence that Fathers claimed act of domestic violence occurred on , and the evidence has continued to mount proving that Fathers claim is in fact false. Not only is Fathers claim false but there has never been any acts of DV committed in my home at any point, ever. Judge court has continued to deny this evidence even though it is plainly laid out in the police report. Fathers claims of the children being unsafe due to DV is unwarranted and has never had any evidence to show this is a concern. Nevertheless court was scheduled for and I was prepared with evidence and testimony on the day of the hearing.

Fathers allegation was already determined by the police on the date of the incident to have not happened which is reflected in the police report. Evidence that was submitted by Father to Judge . My sons case was initially charged by the police as a DV case though as they advised me it was standard for them since it involved a family member and the court would determine what he would appropriately and more accurately charged with through the pleading process. Judge , as well as all other judges who work in the court are aware of how these cases are charged by on duty police and how they process through the court system. In addition, he was able to read the police report which shows there are no grounds for past, ongoing, or future DV concerns by Mother against the child involved.

The incident on involved my son running away for the second time in 2 weeks to his girlfriends house. He ran away in the early morning hours of and was upset that he had not been allowed to see her. I was bringing him home and he started screaming and spitting in my face and called me bad names. I slapped him and told him he will not act that way or speak to me that way and he stopped. It was a mild open hand slap and was highly appropriate for his out of control behavior at that moment. Not only was it absolutely appropriate, but I was well within my rights as a parent to appropriately discipline my child in this situation based on his behavior and actions. Not only is it my right but it is my responsibility to discipline my son in such situation when this is behavior that could land him in jail if he did this out in public when interacting with others in general. This was acknowledged by the officers at the time off the incident. My son then proceeded to a few moments later get upset and punched my windshield multiple times. He was arrested for that. I found out through his being arrested that he had blown a high alcohol level, most likely contributing to his behavior as he is usually pretty mild mannered. He was not acting intoxicated that I noticed at the time of the incident, but he did blow over a 3.0 the officers stated which is also in the police report. My son specifically said while he was yelling at me and spitting in my face while he was screaming that he wanted to ' . Which is exactly the type of scenario Fathers influence would create and I feel he has intended to create.

That sort of behavior should not be encouraged by any authority figure when raising children and especially not a Father and especially not further encouraged by a court of law. It is clear he is intentionally trying to undermine my discipline which is not only a huge violation of my rights, but extremely inappropriate for a court of law to be encouraging all this behavior in children. I believe he intended to show me that I will be punished by the court for appropriately disciplining my child and that

the court does not want to uphold any appropriate standards of safety morals and behavior when overseeing children in the family court system. This was a false claim that was misrepresented to the court and was proved false by evidence, where as Mothers claim was proven true with evidence and an admission. Not only was there no appropriate grounds for this temporary ruling, but many other things have been mishandled in this case and I believe this is intentional.

During

On the day of the hearing I was not allowed to submit all my evidence which was not excessive and my rights were violated during the trial multiple times. Since then the judge has continued to engage in misconduct and not practiced fair and sound judgment in the best interest of the child. He has also not upheld proper court processes, and has been made aware of the other party not following proper legal practices. He still allows this to continue unchecked unaddressed and excuses it. I have notified the judge of the other party not properly serving all documents and he has still upheld the temporary ruling which is completely unacceptable. The judge holds me to a higher standard than others in the court stating I am self represented and “ ”, while again excusing major mishandling of the case by the other party, not to mention the huge mishandling of this case by himself the judge by allowing a child to be put into a home with someone who believes its ok to use and engage in drug activity with his children. He holds me to a higher standard over lawyers and court licensed officials while refusing to allow equal representation and equal rights for both parties in his court. His negligence and refusal to practice sound judgment and uphold the appropriate court processes as well as put the child's best interest at the forefront has caused irreparable harm to my oldest child and I now have concerns for our younger son. (Father is allowing our youngest child to sit home all weekend unsupervised and unchecked playing video games all night and day. He comes home on at and immediately passes out the rest of the night after coming home from Fathers).

I advised the court on the day of our hearing on that sending our oldest son to live at Fathers home would severely worsen our sons behavior and put him at even greater risk with this behavior. I stated that I feared for him in many ways while in Fathers care and at his home Father allowing him to partake in drug and alcohol use as well as partaking in it with him, and encouraging a lowlife lifestyle of using drugs and getting in trouble. A pattern that our son was falling into over the last year that Father had been encouraging this behavior. I advised the court of my concerns for both children's safety as I have in many court cases prior and the court refuses to see Father choices as being harmful to the child even though this is an act that can be criminally charged.

Prior to the date of the incident on I have never had to slap my son and he is usually a very well behaved child and always very respectful. He is overall a really good kid most of the time with a lot of potential and promise if he focuses himself in the right direction and when he has the right influences around him. Father even testified in court to the judge at our hearing on that overall he sees and believes that the boys and I have a great relationship and that I am overall a good Mom and reasonable when parenting the children. He testified this on in front of judge . Im unsure on the exact verbiage but he testified something to that effect.

As I stated previously, evidence in the police report showed that there was no DV on my part but our son was initially charged with a DV charge since this incident involved a family member. There were no allegations of abuse by my son on that date or ever. Not by this specific child or any of the other 4 children I currently raise, or have raised in my home. charges were eventually dropped and corrected to a much lesser charge. The officers told me his charge would be changed and plead down by the court, but in addition to that, the court found he was initially charged wrong with a much higher charge than he should have had. This is on file as being corrected by the juvenile court.

During our trial on the judge did not allow me a fair or just opportunity to present my case. He did not even allow me the standard rights that should be afforded to all in a court of law. He also did not allow me the same opportunities he allowed Father as far as presenting our cases. Father did provide

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