

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 2026-213

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

June 5, 2026

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge was biased, failed to follow the law, and had a conflict of interest 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 Regina L. Nassen 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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Subject: Formal Complaint of Judicial Misconduct – Case No.

2026-213

To Whom It May Concern,

I am submitting this letter as a formal complaint regarding the conduct of Judge in connection with my case, Case No.

I respectfully raise concerns regarding potential bias, failure to fully consider relevant evidence, possible conflict of interest, and ongoing safety concerns that I believe have not been adequately addressed.

I have observed a consistent pattern in which nearly all motions I have filed have been denied, while motions filed by the opposing party have been granted. This raises concern regarding whether both parties are receiving equal and impartial consideration.

During proceedings, Judge stated that I had submitted “ ” and indicated she would not review all of it. I am concerned that relevant and material evidence has not been fully considered.

I am also concerned about a potential conflict of interest and/or appearance of partiality. Judge is presiding over both my case and a separate case involving my sister, in which I have participated as a witness. Additionally, the opposing party has referenced my sister by name during proceedings in my case. I am concerned that these overlapping circumstances may affect impartiality or create the appearance of bias.

I have previously filed motions requesting reassignment to a different judge, which were denied.

Most importantly, I am deeply concerned about the safety and well-being of my child and my family. I am currently enrolled in the **Address Confidentiality Program** due to safety concerns for myself and my other children. Despite this protection, I remain concerned about ongoing exposure and contact issues within this case.

Additionally, I am concerned about reports of indirect contact and third-party monitoring. Through the **OurFamilyWizard** communication application, the opposing party has stated that he contacted my father to attempt to determine my whereabouts. The opposing party has also stated that former coworkers or acquaintances have allegedly seen me in public. I am concerned that these statements may reflect indirect attempts to locate or monitor my movements through third parties, despite the existence of a restraining order.

In addition, I have received text messages that I believe contain threatening statements directed toward me and my child, including expressions wishing harm or death. I have preserved these messages as evidence and am deeply concerned about the escalation and seriousness of these communications.

The opposing party has also made statements and sent me text messages indicating concerns regarding the mental health and substance use of individuals in his household, including his wife,

who he has described as struggling with substance use and mental health-related challenges, and who he has stated prior incidents involving self-harm concerns. I am raising this as part of my broader concern regarding the safety and stability of the environment in which unsupervised visitation has been ordered.

I have also raised to the court that the opposing party has violated an active restraining order on multiple occasions. I am concerned that these alleged violations have not resulted in corrective action and that appropriate protections have not been enforced.

In addition, I submitted evidence indicating that individuals residing in the home where visitation occurs are struggling with substance abuse, including documentation of drug use and a near overdose incident requiring hospitalization. Despite this, unsupervised visitation was granted in that home. To my knowledge, no evidence has been provided demonstrating that these individuals have received treatment or are currently in recovery.

Furthermore, I have been required to appear in court in the presence of the opposing party and ordered to engage in in-person communication with the opposing party for approximately ten minutes regarding our child. I am concerned that these requirements conflict with my restraining order and create a situation where I feel unsafe.

Additionally, I submitted requests to appear telephonically and for a continuance due to a mandatory, pre-scheduled graduation meeting required for completion of my nursing program. Both requests were denied despite timely notice and the significant academic and financial consequences involved.

Taken together, these issues raise serious concerns regarding fairness, impartiality, proper consideration of evidence, and whether adequate weight has been given to documented safety concerns.

Legal Authority Supporting These Concerns (Arizona Law and Constitutional Standards)

My concerns are raised under the following Arizona and constitutional authorities governing judicial conduct, impartiality, and court-ordered safety protections:

1. Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct – Rule 2.11 (Disqualification / Recusal)

A judge must disqualify themselves in any proceeding in which their impartiality might reasonably be questioned, including circumstances involving bias, prejudice, or the appearance of impropriety.

2. Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct – Canon 1 & Canon 2 (Impartiality and Integrity)

Judges are required to uphold the independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary and must perform duties fairly, competently, and without bias or appearance of bias.

3. Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct – Rule 2.6 (Right to Be Heard)

Judges must ensure that all parties are given a meaningful opportunity to be heard and that relevant evidence and motions are fairly considered.

4. Arizona Judicial Disqualification Standards (A.R.S. § 12-409 and related recusal principles)

Arizona law permits disqualification of a judge where bias, prejudice, or reasonable appearance of partiality exists. The standard includes not only actual bias but also the appearance of bias that undermines confidence in the fairness of proceedings.

5. Arizona Protective Order Statutes (A.R.S. § 13-3602 / § 13-3601 framework)

Courts are required to enforce protective orders and ensure they are effective in preventing contact, harassment, and intimidation. Alleged violations must be taken seriously and addressed to maintain the integrity of protective relief.

6. Arizona Address Confidentiality Program (A.R.S. § 41-165 et seq.)

The Address Confidentiality Program is designed to protect the safety and location confidentiality of participants and their families, and court proceedings should not undermine these protections or create avoidable safety risks.

7. Fourteenth Amendment – U.S. Constitution (Due Process Clause)

All parties are entitled to due process, including the right to a fair hearing before a neutral decision-maker and meaningful consideration of evidence in matters affecting parental rights and child safety.

I respectfully request that this matter be reviewed to determine whether judicial conduct standards have been upheld, including impartiality, avoidance of conflicts of interest or the appearance thereof, proper consideration of evidence, and appropriate safeguarding of parties where restraining orders and confidentiality protections are in place.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Person Filing: _____
Address (if not protected): Protected _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Telephone: _____
Email Address: _____
Lawyer's Bar Number: _____

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**IN COURT OF ARIZONA
COUNTY**

Name of Petitioner/Party A

Case Number: _____

Atlas Number: _____

Title: Request to Continue Hearing

Name of Respondent/Party B

Explain what you want the Court to order. The Judge may grant, deny, or change your request (or "motion"). A ruling will be issued by "minute entry."

SEE ATTACHMENTS

I respectfully request a continuance of my scheduled court date on

I have a mandatory, in-person graduation-related appointment for my nursing program that was scheduled in advance on [redacted]. Although my program is conducted online, this appointment must be attended in person and is a required step for my graduation. I received notice of the court date on [redacted], after this appointment had already been arranged, and it cannot be rescheduled.

Missing this appointment would prevent me from graduating on time and would cause significant financial hardship, including delays in entering the workforce and potential additional educational expenses. As this directly impacts my ability to complete my nursing degree and begin employment in my field, it is critical that I attend.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the court grant a continuance and reschedule my court date to a later time.

Thank you for your time and consideration

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