

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 2026-214

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

June 5, 2026

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge did not follow the law or procedure 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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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

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Judge's Name:

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NARRATIVE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT

— Complainant

Hon.

— Subject

Case

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County

Court — Family Division

SCOPE OF THIS COMPLAINT

This complaint concerns the procedural conduct of Hon. _____, Family Division _____, _____ County _____ Court, in the dissolution proceeding (_____) between _____ and _____. I understand the Commission cannot reverse court orders or reassign judges. I bring this complaint to the Commission for ethics review of the conduct described below, not to obtain relief in the underlying case. The substantive remedies in the case are being pursued separately on the docket.

INSTANCE 1 — Mailing of Court Order to an Address Not in the Record

On _____, Judge _____ signed an Order Denying my Motion to Compel Parenting Time. The Division mailed that Order to " _____."

I have never resided at that address. The address does not appear on any pleading I have filed in this matter. My address of record on every pleading I have filed since my Answer of _____ has been _____. That address appears in the upper left corner of every pleading in compliance with Local Rule 2.15.

The Division demonstrably had my correct contact information in active use on the same day. At _____ on _____ — the same day Judge _____ signed the Order — the Division emailed me at _____ from _____ transmitting the Order to Appear for the Resolution Management Conference. The capacity to reach me at the correct email address was therefore in active use within the Division on the same day the printed Order was mailed to a wrong address.

I did not receive the _____ Order by mail. I learned of its existence on _____ through a portal review.

INSTANCE 2 — Order Striking Approximately Twenty-Five Filings Without Notice or Opportunity to Be Heard

On _____ Judge _____ entered, and on _____ the Clerk filed, a Case Status Minute Entry striking every Notice of Filing and every Statement of Facts that I had filed in this matter between _____ and _____ — approximately twenty-five filings. The struck filings included signed sworn statements and documentary exhibits relating to legal decision-making, parenting time, child support, spousal maintenance, community debt, and the children's school enrollment.

No prior notice was given to me that a bulk strike was under consideration. No order to show cause issued. No conference was set. No motion was pending against any of the filings. Each struck filing had been accepted by the Clerk in the ordinary course.

The Division had previously demonstrated its capacity to communicate with me in real time. In addition to the _____ email referenced in Instance 1, on _____ at _____ the Division telephoned me at (_____) (call duration two minutes eighteen seconds) to advise that a portal filing of mine was not appearing in the EFAL system. A single email or telephone call before the Strike Order issued, advising me of any concern about the volume or form of my filings, would have allowed me to consolidate or respond. None was made.

INSTANCE 3 — Two Orders Rejecting Motions as Ex Parte Without Inquiry Regarding Service

On _____, Judge _____ entered two orders rejecting as ex parte communications my Motion for Contribution to Attorney Fees and Costs (filed _____) and my Motion for Home Study (filed _____). The reason cited in each order was that "

Service had in fact been effected thirteen days before those orders issued. On _____, I served Petitioner with the consolidated packet containing both motions by three concurrent methods: USPS Certified Restricted Mail (tracking _____), email to _____, and RCS text message to (_____). USPS confirmed delivery on _____ at _____, AZ — ten days before Judge _____ ex parte rejection orders issued.

The Order to Appear in this case set the deadline for filing the Certificate of Service at _____. As of _____, I was within that deadline and was awaiting the return of the USPS green card before filing the Certificate of Service — the principal documentary proof of restricted-delivery service under Arizona practice.

Before entering the ex parte rejection orders, the Court did not direct any inquiry to me at the email address or telephone number that the Division had previously used. No order to show cause regarding service issued. The Court concluded, on a docket that did not yet reflect the proof of service, that no service had occurred.

INSTANCE 4 — Cumulative Pattern Within Fourteen Days

Within fourteen days, Judge _____ entered four orders adverse to me: (1) Order Denying Motion to Compel Parenting Time (signed _____ mailed to wrong address); (2) Order Rejecting Motion for Contribution to Attorney Fees as Ex Parte (entered _____); (3) Order Rejecting Motion for Home Study as Ex Parte (entered _____); and (4) Case Status Minute Entry striking my Notices of Filing and Statements of Facts (entered _____). None addressed the merits of the underlying substantive positions. Three rested on factual premises about service or docket state that the underlying record contradicts. One was mailed to an address I have never occupied.

During the same period, Petitioner had not filed a single document in this matter since the initial seven-document package on _____ — no Response to any of my filings, no Affidavit of Financial Information, no parenting plan, no Rule 49 Disclosure Statement — and no order has issued addressing that absence.

CONCURRENT REMEDIES BEING PURSUED IN THE CASE (FOR THE COMMISSION'S INFORMATION)

On _____, I filed in _____ : (1) a Notice of Change of Judge for Cause and Verified Affidavit of Bias and Prejudice under ARFLP Rule 6.1 and A.R.S. § 12-409 (EFSP _____), routing to the Presiding Judge of the Family Division for review; and (2) a Motion to Vacate the _____ Case Status Minute Entry (EFSP _____). I also previously filed a Motion for Reconsideration of the three orders entered _____ and _____ (EFSP _____). These filings seek case-related relief and are separate from the ethics review I am asking the Commission to undertake.

RECORDS AVAILABLE TO THE COMMISSION ON REQUEST

The complete docket of _____ is available through the _____ County Court Clerk. I am prepared to provide on the Commission's request: (a) copies of the four orders identified above; (b) the Notice of Change of Judge and Verified Affidavit; (c) the Motion to Vacate; (d) the Motion for Reconsideration; (e) the USPS tracking confirmation for the _____ service packet showing delivery on _____ a _____; (f) the _____ email from _____ transmitting the Order to Appear; and (g) the _____ telephone log entry for the Division's call to (_____).

**THE COMMISSION'S POLICY IS
TO POST ONLY THE FIRST FIVE
PAGES OF ANY DISMISSED
COMPLAINT ON ITS WEBSITE.**

**FOR ACCESS TO THE
REMAINDER OF THE
COMPLAINT IN THIS MATTER,
PLEASE MAKE YOUR REQUEST
IN WRITING TO THE
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL
CONDUCT AND REFERENCE
THE COMMISSION CASE
NUMBER IN YOUR REQUEST.**