

September 1, 2010

CONFIDENTIAL

Buckeye, AZ 85326-0001

Re: Case No.

Dear Mr. _____ :

The Commission on Judicial Conduct reviewed the complaints filed against you by _____ and _____ and decided to dismiss both of them with a letter.

In the first complaint, Ms. _____ contends that you misrepresented your qualifications as a justice of the peace on your campaign web site materials. After analyzing the allegations and your response, the commission concluded that you may have been a little vague, or perhaps misleading, in describing how much of your experience actually related to your service as a pro tem judge. If you had won the election, the commission might have investigated this matter further, but since you did not, it saw no need to pursue this matter further.

In the second complaint, Ms. _____ alleged that you had advised her that she could sign more than one nominating petition. The commission concluded that the allegation was unfounded and dismissed the complaint. Even if it had been true, the commission probably lacked the necessary jurisdiction to deal with this issue.

Sincerely,

E. Keith Stott, Jr.
Executive Director

EKS:ck

April 9, 2010

Judicial Commision:

On March 27, 2010, I attended the Town of Buckeye, Spring Fling event held at Edgar Earl Park. Upon walking among the tents, I happened upon one for [redacted] for Justice of the Peace. After a few minutes of chatting, I happily signed her petition to run for the [redacted]. As I continued walking, I found another tent where [redacted] told me he was running for Justice of the Peace also. He asked me to sign his petition. I told him I had just signed a petition for the same position for a woman a few tents down and asked if I could sign for more than one person. He told me that it was okay to sign for more than one candidate and asked me to sign his. I didn't feel comfortable doing so and did not sign his. Later that day, I decided to do some research and found that you can only sign as many petitions as there are seats available for the race being run. I'm sure as the son of a Justice of the Peace, [redacted] is well aware of this policy and am incredibly disappointed that he would so blatantly violate such a basic rule in his bid for public office.

I am not an expert in campaign rules, but this certainly must be a violation of some sort of ethics rule. I can't imagine that the Maricopa County Elections Department allows such deception and false information to be spread by candidates and hope that some sort of action will be taken against this dishonest man.

Thank you