

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 10-139

Complainant: No. 1394410877A

Judge: No. 1394410877B

ORDER

The complainant alleged that a hearing officer who is running for the office of justice of the peace made misleading claims and failed to resign from his position as a court administrator as required by the Hatch Act. After analyzing the allegations and the response from the hearing officer, the commission found no evidence of ethical misconduct. Whether the candidate was subject to the Hatch Act is a legal issue outside the jurisdiction of the commission. The complaint is dismissed pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23.

Dated: July 21, 2010.

FOR THE COMMISSION

\s\ Keith Stott

Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed
to the complainant and the judge
on July 21, 2010.

This order may not be used as a basis for disqualification of a judge.

May 23, 2010

Commission on Judicial Conduct
1501 W. Washington Street Ste. 229
Phoenix, AZ 85007

To whom it may concern:

I have been following the election for the Estrella Mountain Justice court. Having done a little bit of homework, I found that candidate [redacted] works as a [redacted] with the city of [redacted]. I believe that the Hatch Act says that he is required to resign his position with the City of [redacted] before he can run for public office, just as one of the other candidates had to do. Why hasn't he done so or been kicked out of the election?

Candidate [redacted] also has a website in which he claims to be a Veteran Police Officer. If you look close at the photo on his website, you can see that the patch on the uniform he is wearing is for a reserve officer, not a regular sworn police officer. It seems like he is misrepresenting his background. I have a family member in the military and it bothers me that someone would claim to have been in an important public service position like that when they were just a volunteer.

Sincerely,