

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 11-267

Complainant: No. 1429910953A

Judge: No. 1429910953B

ORDER

A pro tem justice of the peace made inappropriate public statements that could have called into question her impartiality.

The responsibility of the Commission on Judicial Conduct is to impartially determine if the judge engaged in conduct that violated the provisions of Article 6.1 of the Arizona Constitution or the Code of Judicial Conduct and, if so, to take appropriate disciplinary action. The purpose and authority of the commission is limited to this mission.

After review, the commission decided to dismiss this matter with a private advisory letter to the judge. The complaint is dismissed pursuant to Rules 16(b) and 23(a).

Dated: December 20, 2011.

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Louis Dominguez

Louis Frank Dominguez
Commission Chair

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the judge on December 20, 2011.

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

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Your name: _____ **Judge's name:** _____ **Date:** 24 Oct 2011

Instructions: You can use this form or plain paper of the same size to file a complaint. Please describe in your own words what the judge did that you believe constitutes judicial misconduct. Be specific and list all of the names, dates, times and places that will help us understand your concerns. You may attach additional pages but not original court documents. Print or type on one side of the paper only, and keep a copy of the complaint for your files.

_____ using her maiden name, _____ posted a photograph
on the "Supporters of Mayor Ed Foster" Facebook page of rocks position-
to spell out "QPOA" with the caption "Q.P.O.A. ROCKS! Saw this on the
way to Blythe." QPOA stands for the Quartzsite Police Officers Assoc-
iation, a would-be labor union. Seven QPOA members, six police officers
and a clerk were recently terminated by the Town of Quartzsite and are
in the process of appealing their terminations. As former members of
the Quartzsite Police Department, they have been, are and are likely to
be witnesses in civil and criminal cases in the Quartzsite Justice Court
in the future. Additionally, the Quartzsite Justice Court occasionally
hears Quartzsite Municipal Court. _____ support of these officers
call into question her neutrality in cases in which they were involved.
Additionally, her posting on a website dedicated to "supporters" of re-
cently recalled Ed Foster, a former mayor who is at odds with the cur-
rent government of the town of Quartzsite calls into question the abi-
lity of _____ and the Quartzsite Justice Court (which employs a
clerk engaged in a domestic relationship with a QPOA member and former
Quartzsite Police Officer) to be fair to the officers of the Town of
Quartzsite, including its council members and prosecutor, in cases,
like Quartzsite Magistrate Court Case Number CR2011- _____ State v.
Stadler, especially where Stadler is an outspoken supporter of both the
QPOA and Ed Foster and where that case involves a current town council
member as a defendant. _____ is in violation of Judicial Canon 1.2
by engaging in conduct which suggests a lack of impartiality and lends
a marked appearance of impropriety on her part.

(Attach additional sheets as needed)