State of Arizona

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 16-078

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

A superior court commissioner self-reported a delayed ruling.

The responsibility of the Commission on Judicial Conduct is to impartially determine if the commissioner 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 found no evidence of ethical misconduct and concluded that the commissioner did not violate the Code in this case. Accordingly, the commission's file in this matter has been closed, pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23.

Dated: April 21, 2016

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ George A. Riemer
George A. Riemer
Executive Director

A copy of this order was mailed
to the commissioner on April 21, 2016.

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

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

Re: Under Advisement Ruling

Dear Commission Members:

I am writing to inform you that I have regretfully allowed an Under Advisement Ruling to exceed 60 days.

I held a contested evidentiary hearing on   and directed   to provide certain
additional information to all parties, including myself, at which time I would take the matter under advisement.
Unfortunately, the courtroom clerk did not send the Minute Entry from that hearing to me for review and signature
as is customary, so I missed an opportunity to "tickle" the calendar to make sure I received the additional
information.

I also overlooked the subsequent email from the state that provided the information requested. A telephone call to
my division this week alerted me to my oversight. I have since issued the ruling with an apology to all parties for the
delay. My division has put in place a new procedure to prevent this omission from ever happening again.

Please let me know if you need further information or have any questions.

Sincerely,