

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 16-257

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The complainant alleged a superior court judge unreasonably delayed his divorce proceeding.

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.

The commission does not have jurisdiction to review the legal sufficiency of the judge's rulings. In addition, the commission found no evidence of ethical misconduct and concluded that the judge did not violate the Code in this case. Accordingly, the complaint is dismissed in its entirety, pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23(a).

Dated: October 19, 2016

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ George A. Riemer

George A. Riemer
Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the judge on October 19, 2016.

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

I understand the commission cannot reverse court orders or assign a new judge to a case.

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing information and the facts I have provided upon which my allegations of judicial misconduct are based are true and correct

Signature: _____

Date: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

Use the following space or plain paper of the same size to explain your complaint. Explain why you believe what the judge did constitutes judicial misconduct. Be specific and list the names, dates, times, and places relevant to your allegations. Additional pages may be used and relevant copies of documents may be sent with your complaint (please do not send original documents). Use one side of each page only and write legibly or type your complaint. Please keep a copy of your complaint for your records.

_____ was mostly absent from case. Did not oversee, ask questions or push this case for closure. Our _____ motion request to _____ to compel petitioner attorney to draft our settlement agreement, agreed to on _____ at Family Settlement Conference, was denied by _____ without explanation. Petitioner attorney (_____) finally provided draft to respondent on approximately _____ (_____). It was quite a scramble to get this ready and submitted to court by due date, and this was finally submitted within a few hours of the court's deadline.

_____ finally signed Consent Decree on _____

A simple divorce case (without children) took _____ days to navigate through court.