

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 17-032

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The complainant alleged a superior court judge failed to issue written orders, improperly issued a bench warrant, and violated her due process rights in a criminal case.

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: March 29, 2017

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ George A. Riemer

George A. Riemer
Executive Director

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on March 29, 2017.

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

By:

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Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct

To: Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct
1501 W Washington st. Suite 229
Phoenix, Arizona [85007]

2017-032

Re:
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Notice:

In acknowledgement of the Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct duty to supervise and coach the appropriate staff to ensure that State, County, and Court legal processes, policies, and procedures are followed, I, _____ bring the following violations of conduct to your attention.

Facts:

1. _____ has orally given orders in open court, for the record, and when told those orders would be needed in writing, he stated that he will not be signing anything; there are no orders that were signed by _____ nor has he given proper notice; did not give show cause nor a show cause hearing; charged contempt of court, and issued a bench warrant; violating judicial procedures and due process.
2. _____ has violated judicial conduct, "RULE 2.5. Competence, Diligence, and Cooperation (A) A judge shall perform judicial and administrative duties competently, diligently, and promptly. 1. Competence in the performance of judicial duties requires the legal knowledge, skill, thoroughness, and preparation reasonably necessary to perform a judge's responsibilities of judicial office."
 - (a) Not giving proper notice of court proceedings, which he has been disciplined by the judicial disciplinary board for failure to do. Orally issued orders he said he would not sign; and issuance of a bench warrant for contempt of court without due process.
 - (b) Though appointed defense counsel has been fired, due to incompetence, and placed as stand-by counsel, _____ reappointed him for the defense without consent of the interested party for the accused.

I, _____ : bring these violations to your attention in the interest of justice; Respect for the rule of law and regard for ideals of substantial justice require acceptance of this proper notice of administrative errors. These wrongs continue to cause irreparable harm.

By: _____ : family of:
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