

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 17-083

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The commission initiated an investigation into allegations that a pro tem superior court judge made improper comments during an initial appearance.

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 determined the judge did not violate the Code in this case. The commission approved sending the judge an advisory letter reminding the judge not to make comments that give the impression a decision was made based on facts acquired outside the record, rather than the evidence presented, so as not to violate Rule 1.2. The complaint is dismissed pursuant to Rules 16(b) and 23(a).

Commission members Art Hinshaw, Roger D. Barton and Margaret H. Downie did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Dated: August 22, 2017

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Louis Frank Dominguez
Hon. Louis Frank Dominguez
Commission Chair

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on August 22, 2017.

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