

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 17-108

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The complainant alleged a superior court judge failed to effectively administer a family law proceeding and delayed issuing rulings.

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).

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

Dated: August 15, 2017

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ George A. Riemer

George A. Riemer
Executive Director

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on August 15, 2017.

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

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name: _____ Judge's Name: _____

Instructions: Use this form or plain paper of the same size to file a complaint. Describe in your own words what you believe the judge did that constitutes judicial misconduct. Be specific and list all of the names, dates, times, and places that will help the commission understand your concerns. Additional pages may be attached along with copies (not originals) of relevant court documents. Please complete one side of the paper only, and keep a copy of the complaint for your records.

_____ is my divorce case that has been delayed several times due to _____ attorney initiating motions, such as a Temporary Orders hearing _____ (requested a _____ hearing after losing the hearing), and intentionally crossing out verbiage in what was the final divorce decree that both parties had already agreed to at our _____ Settlement Conference.

_____ attorney then advised his client to the _____ deadline (_____) for submitting decree for final judge's approval. When attorney sent my attorney the final divorce decree, _____ attorney crossed out the verbiage pertaining to me being awarded attorney's fees (both parties had agreed to _____ attorney intentionally did this in an ill fated effort to have me sign, thus me giving up my argument for fees award. Both parties then submitted separate decrees (mine being the agreed upon one). These intentional delays have resulted in me paying well over \$ _____ for a divorce that should've cost no more than _____

The above are just _____ examples of _____ and _____ attorney delaying this divorce matter for no other reason than _____ allowed them too. Now, per my attorney, _____ had 60 days to rule on the final decree, which was _____ today is now _____ and she still has yet to rule.

I have had to cancel and/or postpone buying a house in _____ and my latest wedding ceremony. Both events due to this judge not following time lines I assume are established by the courts and/or legislature. I called _____ who's lackadaisical attitude was upsetting to say the least. _____ position was that we're in a big county with a lot of citizens and that the judge will get to my case when she gets to it.

So, let me see if I got this right. I paid for a court service and am told to basically " _____ ". Judges are allowed to violate court deadlines, let attorneys run rampant with costly motions & delays, leave real life citizens at bay and do their job at their own convenience? Last time I checked, the courts are a government entity that work for THE PEOPLE, NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND!

_____ failure to control _____ attorney and failure to rule in a timely manner is unacceptable! I, for one, have a life to live! I am filing this formal complaint against _____ in an attempt to get her to rule on my case and for the _____ to better regulate its judges. I am prepared to escalate this matter to a higher level if need be.

I respectfully ask that _____ be held responsible for her inability to effectively administer my case. This divorce should've been completed _____ after a Settlement Conference in which both parties settled!

Thank you.