

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 17-165

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

A superior court judge self-reported delayed 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.

After review, the commission found no evidence of ethical misconduct and concluded that the judge did not violate the Code in this case. The commission approved sending the judge an advisory letter advising her to review Formal Advisory Ethics Opinion 06-02 and to implement procedures to avoid similar delays in the future. The Commission's file in the matter was closed, pursuant to Rules 16(b) and 23(a).

Commission members Louis Frank Dominguez and George H. Foster, Jr., did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Dated: September 21, 2017

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Peter J. Eckerstrom  
Hon. Peter J. Eckerstrom  
Commission Vice-chair

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on September 21, 2017.

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

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Sent via E-mail

I am writing to self-report that I have several motions pending past 60 days as of today. All of these motions are *pro per* motions received by my division in [redacted]. My judicial assistant discovered them while packing up our office to rotate from the [redacted] to the [redacted]. She had inadvertently put a file of these motions with a stack of documents related to another case back in [redacted]. My judicial assistant is a good assistant and has worked for me for over [redacted]. This has never happened before. [redacted] has not responded to any of these motions and I am in the process of getting [redacted] to respond. It is unknown whether the [redacted] in these cases ever sent a copy of these motions to [redacted]. Once I receive the responses, I will rule. I am asking for an extension of [redacted] from the date of this letter to complete this process. A list of these pending motions is attached.

By this letter, I am also amending the certifications that I have filed since [redacted] to [redacted] reflect that the motions on the attached list have been pending for more than 60 days.

I apologize for my mistake.

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