

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 17-241

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

A superior court judge self-reported a delayed ruling.

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. Accordingly, the commission's file in this matter has been closed, pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23.

Commission member Gustavo Aragon, Jr., did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Dated: December 6, 2017

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Margaret H. Downie
Margaret H. Downie
Executive Director

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on December 6, 2017.

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

Self-report LTR

2017-241

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**TELEPHONE
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George Riemer
Commission on Judicial Conduct
1501 W. Washington Street, Suite 229
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear George:

RE:

I became aware on _____ of a possible delayed Ruling in the above matter, and therefore I am self-reporting. I have enclosed a copy of my Ruling dated _____, which summarizes the circumstances. I have also enclosed copies of the Foreign Judgment, Opposition thereto, and the Response to Opposition.

Nothing else of consequence has occurred in the file. The _____ Ruling explains how I became aware of the Foreign Judgment and the Opposition thereto. Our system here at the _____ provides each judge on the civil bench with a list of that judge's assigned cases, as well as a bar graph pertaining to volume and age of cases, and lists of the numbers of cases assigned to the various civil bench judges. One list is the "active" cases (those set for trial or set for a trial setting conference). The other group is those that are "pending" (not yet set for trial or trial setting conference). I am enclosing copies of those documents for you for the relevant period,

In my defense, I would say that it looks like this case was opened by _____ and closed by _____ on the same date. It never made it to any case list that I received. If it had I would have seen it months ago and attended to it, since I check my lists at least monthly. In addition my Judicial Administrative Assistant watches for new Motions or Oppositions on open cases, she calendars the due date for rulings, and she then provides me with a list of matters that need to be ruled on.

Please let me know if you need anything further on this.

Sincerely,