

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 20-176

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

The complainant alleged a justice of the peace engaged in improper demeanor and failed to treat all parties fairly.

The role of the Commission on Judicial Conduct is to impartially determine whether a judicial officer has engaged in conduct that violates the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct or Article 6.1 of the Arizona Constitution. There must be clear and convincing evidence of such a violation in order for the Commission to take disciplinary action against a judicial officer.

The Commission reviewed all relevant available information and concluded there was not clear and convincing evidence of ethical misconduct in this matter. The Commission approved sending the judge an advisory letter reminding the judge of his obligations under Rule 2.8(B) of the Code to be “patient, dignified, and courteous.” The complaint is therefore dismissed pursuant to Commission Rules 16(a) and 23(a).

Dated: November 17, 2020

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Louis Frank Dominguez

Hon. Louis Frank Dominguez  
Commission Chair

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on November 17, 2020.

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2020-176

**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.

To Whom It May Concern,

I was told in a newspaper article written by Judge \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ that Citizens are allowed to write a judge to express concerns. Here goes.....

Hello. The reason for my letter is to address the conduct of \_\_\_\_\_ Court and Judge \_\_\_\_\_ I am a Plaintiff in a garnishment case and I was awarded to be paid back. All I want to do is follow simple procedure and get my money. I did everything required. Had everyone served, filed and paid all court costs asked of me and did everything including pay money to get this all done....pay money to get my money.

I had crossed out a word and wrote next to it and also wrote over a line on a piece of paper. I was berated by court staff. If someone treats me with disrespect...NOT AN EQUAL then I have a problem with that. Then when an employer sends in an answer for this case and does NOT get it Notarized the document is accepted and treated as if it were notarized. WHY THE DOUBLE STANDARD? SIMPLE QUESTION that nobody will answer. Human nature is you treat someone like a jerk and you get a jerk response.

\_\_\_\_\_ was Judgement Debtor Exam. Judge \_\_\_\_\_ said \_\_\_\_\_ to get me the documents. I called court \_\_\_\_\_ and told them I did not receive anything. They told me I had to wait until before I could say anything...WHY??? Court said \_\_\_\_\_ then went to \_\_\_\_\_ on a whim...because it was me? Perception is everything.

Then I called \_\_\_\_\_ to find out about my paperwork I waited patiently for. I was told I had to file again for a new Judgement Debtor Exam. I did that and paid the \_\_\_\_\_ and paid someone to serve the Debtor again and that costs money. Its not your money but shouldn't mine be just as important as yours? Judge \_\_\_\_\_ realized he was wrong and refunded the \_\_\_\_\_ but how about the money for the process server. Does the court not have any accountability for its decisions?

I finally have my day in court...on the phone. I sat and listened to the Judge. When I was asked if that was all the paperwork I needed I asked DOESN'T THE COURT KEEP A LIST OF WHAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE GIVEN TO ME? That was the wrong thing to say I guess. The Judge got offended and started yelling at me over the phone. HE LOST IT. He couldn't get that last letter I sent to him and \_\_\_\_\_ other Judges that explained the issue I have with his staff and lack of follow up. I am entitled to my opinion and if he doesn't agree that is his right. I HAVE RIGHTS TOO.

He vacated the hearing because his feelings were hurt and I didn't obey him while he was yelling at me. If he wants to comment on my letter do it in as professional way so I will listen. WHEN YOU START YELLING AT ME I TURN OFF MY LISTENING EAR. Now I have to wait another \_\_\_\_\_ or more for my hearing just so I can get the money I was awarded back in

This case \_\_\_\_\_ should be moved to \_\_\_\_\_ court where the Judge seems to be more reasonable and in control of his wits. I just want the money owed to me and be treated with the SAME RESPECT AS ANYONE WOULD WANT TO BE TREATED.

People are marching in the streets for Equality and Justice. Looks like there are issues in all levels of government. I am still waiting for procedure to complain about a Judges behavior.

↓ LIS can To The call and see for yourself

This letter is regarding treatment and procedure in Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Court.  
Am am sending this to numerous Judges in hopes that this will get to Judge \_\_\_\_\_ as I feel his Staff is sabotaging my attempts to receive fair justice

Judge

Hello Sir. Hope this finds you healthy. The reason for my letter is that I feel I am being treated unfairly by your staff. I believe my paperwork that I send in is singled out and manipulated. I cannot control what people think of me nor do I really care. I give respect where I receive it. If I am disrespected I let the person know about it. I am a law abiding, tax paying citizen and should be treated like everyone else. Last time I checked the Justice system was set up so all would be treated equally and fairly. Not at the descretion of Court Staff who are hourly and there to do a job like the rest of America.

It is sad that I feel the need to send this to other Judges in hopes that you (Judge \_\_\_\_\_) will see 1 of my letters. When I asked court Staff about sending this letter they were anxious to know what it was about. **Judge \_\_\_\_\_ put out an article that stated we can write Judges. So I am putting pen to paper as I was told.**

In Case \_\_\_\_\_ I had a Judgement Debtor Exam in which I did everything by the book. I filled out the paperwork and paid the fee. I went to the hearing and was told by Judge \_\_\_\_\_ that I would have information requested that the Defendant (debtor) did not have. She did not come prepared at all yet the Judge \_\_\_\_\_ took her side and berated me saying “  
’ By the way the other party is paying me. Please note that. I waited until \_\_\_\_\_ to find out about documents. Staff said that I was to wait until \_\_\_\_\_ I know this was a lie but I waited anyway. I called the Staff and \_\_\_\_\_ told me that THE COURT DOES NOT ENFORCE ITS RULINGS FOR A JUDGEMENT DEBTOR EXAM and that I had to file for another one. REALLY!. You don't enforce your rulings or is that just with me.

I sent garnishment paperwork to \_\_\_\_\_ an employer of the debtor. They DID NOT NOTARIZE ANSWER and Staff told me it was supposed to be notarized. I received judgement that it was excepted.

1. you dont enforce your rulings
2. does not notarized are okay unless done by \_\_\_\_\_ then they are required
3. If I write messy on a form you get real mad and treat me like a kid and refuse to accept messy forms no and incomplete forms are okay..

I would like my paperwork treated like everyone elses and not be held by Staff. I would also like to follow my complaint through the proper chain of command so I can make sure that your court Staff does not treat anyone else the way they have mistreated me. I feel going through your formal complaint process will document this in case I have more issues in the future. Court positions should not be used for personal indifferences. I will refrain from taking this to the Internet, Social Media and new stations if I can get a fair resolution. I already was awarded the garnishment. Why the hassle?

Sincerely,

CASE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Plaintiff(s) Name / Address / Email / Phone

Defendant(s) Name / Address / Email / Phone

Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Name / Address / Email / Phone

Attorney for Defendant(s) Name / Address / Email / Phone

**MINUTE ENTRY**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

RE: Judgment Debtor Exam

Court attempted to conduct hearing. Plaintiff was argumentative and refused instructions.  
Hearing vacated-reset for 30 days. No service on Defendant required for reset Judgment Debtor Exam per Court.

Notice of Court Date:

Hearing: Judgment Debtors Exam

Date:

Time:

Location:

*Listen to the call. It's OBVIOUS*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge

*I was doing what he asked until he yelled*

I CERTIFY that I delivered / mailed a copy of this document to:

- Plaintiff at the above address
- Plaintiff's attorney
- Defendant at the above address
- Defendant's attorney

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk