

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 22-071

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

January 11, 2023

The Complainant alleged a justice of the peace improperly denied him access to public records of the court.

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 complaint is therefore dismissed pursuant to Commission Rules 16(a) and 23(a).

Commission member Michael J. Brown did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on January 11, 2023.

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**2022-071****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.

At approximately _____ on _____ I requested to view my case file. The court staff member stated " I can't give the file. I responded its public record I have right to view the file, the court staff continued to deny me access to the file. The statff came to back to the counter and handed me some papers I requested to view the file again.

Then from a south door a _____ male approximating _____ lbs came out and said can i help you, I asked him who are you and he said again may I help you, I asked him what is your name he again refused to indentify himself. I asked him again and he said google it I asked him do you have a card he said i am out of cards, I asked him to right his information down so i know who he is he refused. I asked him again for his name and he refused to indentify himself. I told him i want to review my case file he stated that i cannot veiw the file i told him its public records all courts I have asked to review files gives the whole file to review he stated he was not giving the file to me i told him all court have a room to view files he stated they don't have a room. I asked again for his name and he said _____. He addressed me by my name but refused to indentify himself over _____ times when asked. This is a violation of the freedom of information act. (_____).

Judges are not allowed to interact with customers at the counter and certainly should indentify who they are when asked. I aslo informed _____ that the court is required to have a computer for citizens access the laws and civil procedures. The Courts in _____ County do not have a law library for citizens to access the law or access to _____ which is a disservice and is required like other counties.