

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 24-127

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

August 30, 2024

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge had a conflict of interest in hearing a change of judge motion because the judge previously worked in the same law firm as the judge in question in a family law case.

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 Denise K. Aguilar did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on August 30, 2024.

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From:

Sent:

To: Commission on Judicial Conduct <CommissionJudicialCo@courts.az.gov>

Subject: Re: Judicial Complaint | Case No. - Court

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Please add to both judicial complaints.

Due to the recent discoveries between the Hon. Judge and Judge , please open a new complaint for Judge as there has been two interactions from her in this case that may be construed as gatekeeper" function to Justice.

Best Regards.

Cell | *(The best form of contact)*

Email |

| *in Arizona &*

On at Commission on Judicial Conduct
<CommissionJudicialCo@courts.az.gov> wrote:

Hello:

Are you asking to add this to your complaint against Judge in Case No.

or your complaint against Judge _____ in Case No. _____ ? Or both? You do not have an open complaint against Judge _____.

Thank you in advance for the clarification.

Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct
1501 W. Washington, Suite 229
Phoenix, AZ 85007
602-452-3200

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Sent:
To: Commission on Judicial Conduct <CommissionJudicialCo@courts.az.gov>
Subject: Re: Judicial Complaint | Case No. _____ - _____ Court

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Hello, Please add this filing to the complaint for conflict of interest.

Best Regards,

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in Arizona &

On _____ at _____ Commission on Judicial Conduct
<CommissionJudicialCo@courts.az.gov> wrote:

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The Commission is in receipt of your email. We will use the two documents you attached as the complaint against Judge

Our standard acknowledgment letter with additional information will be forthcoming. Thank you.

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Good Afternoon,

I have attached a copy of our latest filing with the Arizona Court of County, in , under the presiding **Hon. Judge** .

I would like to open a complaint with this document and also our criminal complaint previously submitted in the Hon. Judge current investigation.

According to the referral letter, we are pursuing a second complaint in the same case against a different judge.

Can you please inform me if this is adequate to open a second complaint with these two documents for the Hon. Judge ?

Respectfully,

Best Regards.

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in Arizona &

On at Commission on Judicial Conduct

<CommissionJudicialCo@courts.az.gov> wrote:

The Commission is in receipt of your email.

We will add this information to your complaint against Judge _____ in Case No. _____. Your complaint remains under investigation. You will be notified in writing when the Commission has made its decision concerning this matter.

Thank you.

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Good Afternoon,

I have attached a copy of the Arizona _____ Office / Criminal Special Investigations Unit - **Referral Letter** and the **Criminal Complaint** they referenced I file with the Commission on Judicial Conduct. **See Letter from AG's Criminal Investigations Unit, dated _____, Case No. _____.**

I recently filed a **Civil Rights Complaint** with the _____, on _____ - which is currently under review.

The Arizona Office of Public Defender, (Public Defense Services), is currently reviewing a request for a **Formal Review / Investigation of CAA** _____ who was assigned to this case by the Hon. Judge _____ in _____ who committed a great deal of misconduct during her assignment unimpeded by the court in these matters. I will update the commission once I receive any new relevant information.

Please let me know once the commission has received the attachments, and if you need anything else.

Also, do you have any updates on the current stage of the judicial review?

||| Respectfully,

**THE COMMISSION'S POLICY IS
TO POST ONLY THE FIRST FIVE
PAGES OF ANY DISMISSED
COMPLAINT ON ITS WEBSITE.**

**FOR ACCESS TO THE
REMAINDER OF THE
COMPLAINT IN THIS MATTER,
PLEASE MAKE YOUR REQUEST
IN WRITING TO THE
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL
CONDUCT AND REFERENCE
THE COMMISSION CASE
NUMBER IN YOUR REQUEST.**