

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 24-180

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

October 8, 2024

The Complainant alleged a justice of the peace improperly endorsed a candidate, improperly used his title in a petition challenge, and improperly had his pro tem judges circulate his nominating petitions.

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 members Denise K. Aguilar, Barbara Brown, and Louis Frank Dominguez did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on October 8, 2024.

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**COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE**

Name:  Judge's Name:

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My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a candidate for \_\_\_\_\_ County Justice Court, \_\_\_\_\_ I am running  
against Judge \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ Primary. Judge \_\_\_\_\_ endorsed \_\_\_\_\_ for  
\_\_\_\_\_ County Supervisor and posted it on his \_\_\_\_\_ page. (See Attachment A) He states in his post, "  
" The words "with" and "for" indicate he is  
endorsing \_\_\_\_\_ for Supervisor and in the same post indicates she has endorsed him for Justice  
of the Peace.

Under the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct Rule 4.1(A)(3) a candidate for Justice of the Peace cannot  
endorse any other candidate for office. Additionally, Rule 4.5(A) (5) does not allow a candidate for  
Justice of the Peace or a Justice of the Peace to participate in campaign activities of another candidate.  
By posting his endorsement of \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, Judge \_\_\_\_\_ violated this Rule as well.

I am requesting that Judge \_\_\_\_\_ be disciplined for these violations.

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# Attachment A



Re-Elect [redacted]'s post



**Re-Elect [redacted] is with [redacted] for Supervisor.**



**We are incredibly honored and privileged to announce that [redacted] Chair of the [redacted] County Board of Supervisors, has endorsed Judge [redacted]'s campaign for re-election. Our community**

thrives when everyone is guaranteed equal and fair justice. Thank you, [REDACTED] for Supervisor!

## ENDORSEMENT

[REDACTED]

CHAIR, [REDACTED] COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, [REDACTED]

“Judge [REDACTED] has long been part of our efforts to assure equal justice for everyone. He is a solid partner in helping us build



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COMPLAINT IN THIS MATTER,  
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THE COMMISSION CASE  
NUMBER IN YOUR REQUEST.**