

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 24-189

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

July 30, 2024

The Complainant alleged a superior court commissioner had gender bias against her in a family law matter.

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).

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

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To whom it may concern,

On [redacted] I [redacted] along with my ex husband [redacted] were
order to appear before Hon. [redacted] at [redacted] a.m. [redacted] was present at the
hearing as the state attorney. Case # [redacted]

The purpose of the hearing was to establish child support.

On [redacted] the minor in the case [redacted] (son) wanted to go live with his Father,
[redacted] as [redacted] wanted to attend a high school that is close fathers home. This was a
informal agreement that both parties agreed on.

On [redacted] this agreement was formalized through the courts. [redacted] would be the
primary parent. I had acted as primary parent up into this time.

Child support was terminated

On [redacted] filed to have child support established.

Both parties filled a financial affidavit, tax return, and some other supporting documents.

I am a part time [redacted] in the [redacted] area. We live in [redacted] az. I drive [redacted] days a week
to work approx [redacted] miles round trip. My daughter goes to school in [redacted] and I am
responsible for drop offs and some pick ups. I am unable to work more days as I share a
station at the salon. Also bc of the distance for work, caring for a minor and the town of
[redacted] has minimal jobs.

On [redacted] both parties were swore in.

The state attorney asked [redacted] about his income, then the judge asked [redacted] some
additional questions. The state attorney then asked myself some questions in regards to my
income, the judge had no additional questions for me. We then figured the approx amount of
days the minor was in my house. Approx [redacted] days. The judge then stated based on my income
he would put me at minimum wage as my income is even less then that, so

The judge then said that based on [redacted] expenses that his monthly income was a little
over [redacted] then used the Arizona child support worksheet to calculate support. The
worksheet calculated I pay [redacted] a month.

Then [redacted] said that we need to calculate the child extracurricular expenses of

The judge said it fair that I should pay half of the [redacted] expenses, which would be [redacted].
However the judge then ordered me to pay [redacted] a month which is almost the total [redacted] fee.

When I objected to this ruling the judge then stated we could do in from [redacted] or he
could back date it to the time the child moved to dads.

I have payed [redacted] fees when the child was with father so I am unsure how this ruling is
justified. Also what if the child is unable to [redacted]? This is a extracurricular activity that father
chooses to do with the minor that i obviously can not afford.

[redacted] has In the past and continues to show bias to the males in his courtroom. It
is unfair to base a ruling on this aspect alone and not on the facts at hand. I am asking the
commission to look into the this judge as he definitely shows partiality towards the males and
doesn't use the child worksheet or arizona guidelines set before him.

This judge has made difficult ruling in the past for me requiring that I do all the pick up and
drop offs for school in [redacted] which due to both my ex and myself living in a rule areas
approx [redacted] miles apart caused me to drive almost [redacted] miles in just [redacted] days to accommodate this
ruling.

I'm asking the state to please not allow this judge to continue making these unfair rulings with
no evidence as to why

Other then pure bias.

Please call if this letter needs clarification

Sincerely,