

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 24-194

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

August 30, 2024

The Complainant alleged a municipal court judge refused to appoint him an attorney from the public defender's office for his city court criminal 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 does not have jurisdiction to overturn, amend, or remand a judicial officer's legal rulings. 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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Judge denied me my right to a public defender. I had to borrow dollars to pay for a lawyer. I live off of a month and a month of Food stamps money. If it wasn't for federal rental assistance, my dog and I would have to live in our car. I believe I have been wrongfully convicted of crimes I did not commit. Now that I am trying to appeal the decision the judge and his staff refuse to give my case to The Public Defenders office and tell me to hire a private lawyer. The judge relieves my lawyers of their duty without due cause. I should mention that my regular lawyer is incompetent. ~~the one~~ They keep claiming that because they are court they cant, possibly meaning they don't want to, refer my case to the Public Defenders office, they simply don't care. The public defender they did assign me would not return my calls and recently asked to be relieved of his duty, which as I say, Judge relieved him of without a reason. They initially claimed that because I didn't have a lawyer my case could not be referred to the Public Defenders office. They later claimed to have been wrong about that subject. The case basically operates on the one and only supermarket in town's manager's testimony who claims that, over an year period I have consistently bothered his female employees, his female customers and even

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his customer's offspring, my point about all of this is that, if the guy was bad news why didn't you tell him not to come into your store any more. You claim to have been employed by the same employer since didn't you think that he or she would be mad at you for letting a troublemaker into his or her store? Let judge give me the I had to borrow from my relatives to pay for a lawyer, which I am still making payments on, back and I will hire my own lawyer. Actually, I shouldn't say that. Where does a person who nets a year get off spending on a lawyer. While I fight these convictions, I have to abide by this court's rulings, I have already paid them of a judgement by volunteering, at minimum wage, at a local food share program. The supermarket's manager owes me money for spreading lies about me. The woman who accused me of committing these crimes needs to be subjected to the same treatment I have received, they claim that I can't even have one of their uncaring public defenders because they are all bust. As a section 8 recipient, I can't have a criminal record, my lawyer was supposed to pose the question I mentioned earlier to the supermarket's manager but then again judges get paid to put their brain to work. If I moved to or even here in, I can't even afford to rent a room from someone for myself and my dog and still make ends meet. Please make them assign my case to the Public Defender's office that way at least I will be able to stand up for my rights. Thank you.