

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 24-228

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

July 30, 2024

The Complainant alleged improper courtroom procedure by a superior court judge hearing a family 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).

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

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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.

On the court case had trial at at the court house. On a yearly basis, takes me to court and on a yearly basis the judges assistant or bailif comes out to the lobby and informs us that the court is ready for us.

Today on , I arrived to the court house early roughly about as seen on camera to court room and sat on the bench outside of the doors under the camera on the opposite side of As I am sitting there gathering my evidence, the previous party exits and I do as I had always been told to do, which is wait for someone to inform us that they are ready for us.

The large group in room had an individual come out and ask if they were the party for and escorted them inside the court house just as I had been years in the past.

Per policy I had my phone shut off and waited until I noticed the plaintiff leaving the court house. I stood up, went into the door of court room and seen the clock on the judges bench say and the lady informed me that the case had been dismissed due to me not being present. I informed her that I was sitting outside of the door on the bench following the court guidance and waiting for someone to inform me that the judge was ready for our case. She asked me who told me that and I told her that I had always been told to wait for court guidance when the court was ready for the next case. She informed me it had been dismissed.

This case was important due to being an emergency custody case since our teenage has been suicidal and expressed danger of fataly harming his father. In efforts to keep eveyrone safe I sought legal modification.

I am looking to have the dismissed case rescheduled as I was present and waiting for the