

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 24-317

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

October 25, 2024

The Complainant alleged a hearing officer made improper decisions in a small claims 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).

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on October 25, 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.

My son, _____ and I appeared at the above courthouse on _____ at approximately _____
We were appearing in front of Judge _____ in a small claims case involving a vicious dog attack
by a _____ owned by _____. This attack occurred _____ at dusk, approximately _____ Not
only was my son bitten on the _____ as well as my dog was seriously bitten on the _____

Judge _____ was given my folder of evidence including pictures, surgery bills from _____
and character letters from neighbors regarding my dogs behavior. Judge _____ looked at the pictures
but would not consider the character letters or vet bills. Judge _____ basically told _____ he should
have walked another direction. He never considered _____ being bitten as well, which is against AZ
law, Arizona Revised Statutes section 11-1025(A) and holds the owner responsible.

Why are we not free to walk our dog down _____ if we wish and _____ cant keep his
_____ under control. _____ stated his dog has attacked before. Why are we not free to walk our dog
when and where we want while _____ can walk his _____ wherever he wants?

Meanwhile we are stuck paying these bills as a result of this negligence.