

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 24-391

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

January 24, 2025

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge was biased against him during a family court 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 members Delia R. Neal and Christopher P. Staring did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on January 24, 2025.

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2024-391

**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.

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Dear Commission Members,

I am writing to formally file a complaint against Judge \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ County Court due to her clear bias and misconduct during the case of \_\_\_\_\_.

During the proceedings, Judge \_\_\_\_\_ exhibited a disturbing preference for the mother, despite the fact that she made false claims about the father allegedly leaving marks on their sons back. The police report unequivocally shows that the father was innocent of any wrongdoing. Despite this clear evidence, Judge \_\_\_\_\_ chose to overlook the facts and instead favored the mother's unsubstantiated accusations.

Judge \_\_\_\_\_ exhibited a clear favoritism towards the mother, even after it was revealed that she fled the state with the children. The mother's actions were underpinned by false statements made under oath, which Judge \_\_\_\_\_ herself acknowledged could not have been true. Despite this blatant dishonesty, the judge chose to disregard the truth and continued to support the mother's position.

Judge \_\_\_\_\_ demonstrated an unmistakable bias towards the mother, despite her actions that have severely impacted the welfare of the children involved. The mother has removed the children from school and all extracurricular activities, effectively isolating them from the other parent and denying them the benefit of frequent, meaningful, and continuing contact with both parents.

During the proceedings, Judge \_\_\_\_\_ exhibited an alarming reliance on my facial expression as a basis for making a significant decision regarding custody. Specifically, I was accused of inappropriate behavior for simply repeating a word that my son used. This action was entirely within my rights as a parent and should not have been construed as grounds for such a serious ruling.

It is unacceptable for a judge to allow personal perceptions and subjective interpretations, such as the look on my face, to dictate the well-being of children and the rights of parents. Judge \_\_\_\_\_ decision to grant custody to the mother based on such flimsy reasoning demonstrates a lack of professionalism and an alarming disregard for the facts





My wife \_\_\_\_\_ and I must say that we were shocked beyond belief when we heard that \_\_\_\_\_ was taken from the home and out of the State of Arizona. We write this letter in support of ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) and to let you and the court know of the views that we have had being in the neighborhood for the last \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) years and being a neighbor. We stand ready to assist if you need anything from my wife, \_\_\_\_\_ or me. ✓

Sincerely,

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## Character letter

3 messages

To:

To whom it may concern, my name is [redacted] ! I'm writing character letter for [redacted] . I met [redacted] as I was [redacted] at [redacted] where his son attended. I was there all of school year [redacted] and half of [redacted] as I resigned position [redacted] . How I met [redacted] is I was on my cross guard duty that greeted students and parents in the morning while safely getting all across the street. Every morning I seen [redacted] with son walking or driving both always happily greeted me. [redacted] and I finally had conversation months after about sports. At the time his son was playing baseball in the [redacted] that also my son was playing in. I was telling him I was starting my nonprofit basketball organization [redacted] and was looking for more players. [redacted] at the time told me that he was already taking son to practices and he was speak to me about basketball after season ended. As mentioned with his son playing baseball I would see him with son at the games on weekends. Both always were happily together and even speaking to him at games it was always him speaking positive about his son's play. As I've been coaching since [redacted] most fathers speak somewhat negative about their child or children if it wasn't to fathers standards. [redacted] although always would say he will be ok and what he will work on.

After leaving [redacted] as teacher I still would see [redacted] here and there with son and still always happily together. Finally after speaking to about son playing with my [redacted] organization he brought him to practice at the end of [redacted] . I have practices 3 days a week at [redacted] and every practice would bring son. Most parents will drop kids off and leave. [redacted] never left the park he instead would sit at a distance and watch or he would fish at the body of water next to basketball courts. After practice would end he would come speak to me on how son was doing. If he didn't come to court and son went to him he still would acknowledge and say, " [redacted] !" For tournament or league games which we played at [redacted] and [redacted] which are outside of city of [redacted] . [redacted] is who I seen at each game with son. Win or lose [redacted] always spoke calmly and gave son, team, and myself positive feedback. This stands out as mentioned the time I've coached most times when a team loses parents will be negative and blame everyone under the sun for a loss. Not [redacted] he always spoke calmly and smiled with his son right next to him at peace and giving him fatherly comfort. Here's something else that stands out as I've coached since [redacted] and have coached 100's of players. 95% of the time I only see the players with their mothers and some times I never met any parents. Although the other 5% is usually a father or grandparents. So [redacted] being with his son stands out with a small percentage. I praise men that are active in their child(ren) lives as I'm one who raised [redacted] little sisters, father of [redacted] , stepfather, and raising my granddaughter since birth who is now [redacted] . So trust and believe I acknowledge, observe, and praise any man with their child(ren).

Thank you for your time! I'm currently on summer break and if any questions please feel free to reach me by email or phone [redacted] .

To:

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