

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 24-450

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

January 31, 2025

The Complainant alleged a justice of the peace improperly dismissed his counterclaim for exceeding the jurisdictional amount.

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 Christopher P. Staring did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on January 31, 2025.

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