

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 22-284

Judge: Samuel T. Goodman

Complainant: Anna Huberman

ORDER

A stipulation accompanying this order resolves this complaint.

Based on Judge Samuel T. Goodman's resignation from office and his agreement with the Commission that he will never again seek or accept a position involving service as a judicial officer in Arizona, the Commission takes no further action in this matter and closes its file. Should Judge Goodman fail to abide by his agreement to never again seek or assume a judicial office in Arizona, the Commission will file formal charges against him or seek injunctive relief to enforce the terms of the agreement.

Accordingly, the Commission's file in this case is hereby closed pursuant to Rule 23. Pursuant to the accompanying stipulation, this order, including identifying information, is considered public information. All other records in this matter remain confidential pursuant to Rule 9.

Dated: May 29, 2024

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Christopher P. Staring

Hon. Christopher P. Staring
Commission Chair

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on May 29, 2024.

**STATE OF ARIZONA
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT**

Inquiry concerning)	
)	Case No. 22-284
Judge Samuel T. Goodman)	
)	STIPULATED RESOLUTION
Maricopa County Justice Court)	
San Tan Precinct)	
)	
Respondent)	

Respondent Judge Samuel T. Goodman, and Brian Bohan, Disciplinary Counsel for the Commission on Judicial Conduct (“Commission”) hereby stipulate as follows:

JURISDICTION

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Article 6.1 of the Arizona Constitution.
2. Respondent was initially elected as a full-time judge of the Maricopa County Justice Court San Tan Precinct in November 2004, and retired on November 30, 2022.
3. As a judge of the justice court when the alleged misconduct occurred, Respondent was and is subject to the Code of Judicial Conduct (“Code”) as set forth at Arizona Supreme Court Rule 81.

BACKGROUND

4. On August 4, 2022, the Commission received a complaint regarding violation of numerous employment laws and personnel rules, including sexual harassment of a female employee. Respondent is also alleged to have engaged in

retaliatory conduct against employees who reported his misconduct or cooperated with the investigation of misconduct.

5. On August 4, 2022, the Commission opened an investigation into the circumstances of the complaint pursuant to its authority under Rule 20. Respondent was given notice of the allegations and given an opportunity to respond.

6. On November 18, 2022, in his written response to the Commission, Respondent did not make any admissions, but declined to substantively address the allegations, and advised he would be resigning his position.

7. On November 30, 2022, Judge Samuel T. Goodman retired from the San Tan Justice Court.

MUTUAL CONSIDERATION

8. Respondent agrees not to seek or accept a judicial appointment of any type, not to run for an elective judicial office, or serve in any judicial capacity¹ in the State of Arizona at any time after the effective date of his resignation.

9. Respondent makes no admissions to a violation of the Code or the Arizona Constitution.

10. The Commission makes no findings of fact or conclusions of law in this matter.

¹ The parties agree that not serving in any judicial capacity encompasses the definition of "Judge" in the Code of Judicial Conduct, which states: "Judge" means any person who is authorized to perform judicial functions within the Arizona judiciary, including a justice or judge of a court of record, a justice of the peace, magistrate, court commissioner, special master, hearing officer, referee or pro tempore judge.

11. The parties agree that resolving this matter by stipulation is in their mutual best interest and in the best interest of the public and the judicial system.

AGREED UPON DISPOSITION

12. Upon execution of this agreement, the Commission shall close Case No. 22-284 and take no further action. This case will not be re-opened unless this agreement is breached by Respondent as further outlined in paragraph 14.

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

13. This agreement resolves all issues raised in Case No. 22-284. This agreement may be used as evidence in later proceedings in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

14. In the event Respondent fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this agreement by seeking appointment or election to a judicial office or serving as a judge in Arizona, the Commission may re-open Case No. 22-284 by giving Respondent written notice of its intention to do. A formal Statement of Charges, having been previously authorized, will be filed pursuant to the Commission's Rules. Respondent waives any and all claims concerning delay or other irregularities in the Commission so doing.

15. In the event Respondent fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this agreement by seeking appointment or election to a judicial office or serving as a judge in Arizona, the Commission may also seek injunctive relief enjoining Respondent from engaging in conduct in breach of the terms and conditions of this agreement.

16. Respondent acknowledges this stipulated resolution does not deal with or resolve complaints raising allegations not already a part of an open Commission case or investigation as of the date this stipulation is signed by Respondent.

17. Both parties agree that the Stipulated Resolution and Final Disposition Order shall be public documents.

18. Both parties will pay their own costs and attorney's fees, if any, associated with this matter.

19. Respondent understands the terms and conditions of this agreement and fully agrees to and will abide by them.

20. This agreement constitutes the complete understanding between the parties.

Agreed to this 25th April day of January 2024.

Hon. Samuel T. Goodman
Respondent

Brian Bohan, Disciplinary Counsel
Commission on Judicial Conduct