

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 23-346

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

February 12, 2024

The Complainant alleged improper demeanor and not being heard by a city court judge in a protective order and criminal matter.

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).

Commission member Regina L. Nassen did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on February 12, 2024.

Dear Commission Members:

I am writing to you about a disturbing story involving a judge that happened almost      years ago that bothers me to this day. Regardless if this judge is still active or not, or even still alive, I believe the situation should be given consideration when forming the policies and procedures of the court.

This involves a private citizen, a male judge, and a male police officer who seemed to be conspiring together to have criminal charges brought against me. I believe the events described below will suggest the following took place: they had a woman (the private citizen/the other party) harass me, pull on my emotions, and mislead me about her intentions; destroyed my evidence to prevent it from being shown in court; the private citizen, the police officer, and her friends tried to intimidate me before my court appearance; the woman had her friend listen to and report back to her my conversations with my lawyer that should have been private; and this woman continued to follow me online with most likely ill intent after the court procedures were over and ended in her favor.

With regards to what is under your authority to review, I believe the events described below will suggest the following of the judge:

1. **he most likely colluded with the other party to try to bring criminal charges against me with the intent of extortion and/or intimidation;**
2. **denied me a fair trial by not allowing me to speak nor to present evidence;**
3. **pressured prosecutors to do his bidding;**
4. **purposely created an extreme court order that would be impossible for me to obey;**
5. **passed that restraining order after I had told the private citizen I would leave them alone and did so;**
6. **made sure to keep the court order in place when I tried to have it removed;**
7. **coached the private citizen against me in legal procedures;**
8. **informed the other party of the legal procedures taking place against me;**
9. **tried his best to scare and intimidate me by viciously screaming at me in court;**
10. **forced himself through a court order to stay as my judge to further his intimidation of me;**
11. **planned on always siding with the other party in trial no matter what and did so;**
12. **hinted at wanting me to pay him (the judge) or the private citizen money to have my charges dropped;**
13. **avoided court to hide his face when a lawyer would be present with me; and**
14. **soon retired to avoid any negative consequences for his actions.**

Sometime between mid and late      the following events took place while I was attending      in my early      (I know this is rather long as I wanted to include many details, but I would suggest reading at least the **bolded text** or at a bare minimum the **bolded and underlined text**):

- About      weeks after informing a woman (the private citizen I mentioned above) of my feelings for her and her informing me she was interested in me as well, she posted photos on her social media account of her kissing a random guy and then **proceeded to send me taunting**

**messages.** I immediately unfriended her and ignored her messages at first, but I finally gave in and asked what she wanted from me.

- (Between the events of me informing her of my feelings but before she did those horrible things, it seemed like she wanted me to write her more love letters, which I couldn't do as I didn't really know her, and **through a joke gave the veiled threat of getting a court order against me** if I didn't comply. At some point after those horrible events, she posted an image of a couple hugging with flashing hearts that stated something like “  
” before making her profile private.)
- After some back and forth, she said to leave her alone, which I replied with something along the lines of “  
” **without sending any more messages to her.** A few days later, I heard a knock at the door to see it was the police with a restraining order for me.
- **The restraining order, if memory serves me right, required that I stay \_\_\_\_\_ yards away from her. I thought to myself that's \_\_\_\_\_ football fields!** It's as if the restraining order was designed to get me to break it even if I tried my best to obey it. It's like the whole objective was to get criminal charges pressed on me.
- I immediately filed to get this restraining order removed.
- **Then I soon found that messages between us had been deleted from my social media account—the destruction of evidence.** Given the unusual errors I kept getting when entering my password, I assume my account was hacked through a brute force attack. Cybersecurity efforts with these platforms were much more lax back then.
- At court, the woman turned in a printed packet of our online messages with her handwritten notes on them, which the judge somehow already knew she had such evidence to present as that was what his first question in court was about and was directed to the woman. This included a heart \_\_\_\_\_ drawn next to something I had said to her. This was submitted and accepted as court evidence. **There were clearly messages between us missing from her packet of evidence. I did not get to admit my own evidence.**
- This male judge asked me basically one question: if there was any confusion if the girl wanted anything to do with me. I answered with only a “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” and **before I could even get a word out the second time he asked the judge started to scream at me so loud and viciously that sitting below him the court clerk's whole body started to shake.** He said something about this being his reminder to me. **He then immediately ruled to keep the court order in place** and dismissed the woman while ordering me to stay.
- Keep in mind that this question was after I saw the evidence with the heart on it and after the judge himself had meticulously, methodically, and patiently gone through that entire packet of evidence page by page.
- This was essentially the only question he asked me before making his ruling without letting me speak. **Doesn't a fair trial include me presenting my side of the case including any evidence I have or at a minimum being able to speak at my own trial?** Isn't this situation the very definition of a kangaroo court?
- When I left the courtroom to go appeal, I learned it would take about \_\_\_\_\_ months for a higher court to hear my case. Between that and having already waited a \_\_\_\_\_ to see this judge, it was almost pointless for me to appeal as the court order was for \_\_\_\_\_ and the order would have been in place for 2/3 of that period even if I won the appeal.
- When you look at the situation I've already described, the fact that the judge waived all her fees to get this order in place, and other details not mentioned here, **it's clear to me this woman personally knew this judge and was coaching her.** Worse, it seems like they were colluding to try to have criminal charges put on me. **The woman's group also appeared to be colluding**

with a police officer who turned out to be her brother-in-law who later filed charges on me, who did not provide me his name or badge number when I asked for them. This included the officer asking me in a taunting voice “ ” after he had asked me if there was any confusion in my head about the situation and then hung up on me (again, he never provided me his name or badge number). **The officer also, oddly enough, emphasized that the order allowed me to communicate with the woman through a lawyer.**

- After some good amount of time had passed since that court proceeding and talking to that officer, I received a notice in the mail that criminal charges are being pressed on me despite the fact that my apparent violation happened about a prior and I had not had any more contact with this woman. **Why would a prosecutor wait for such a long time to press criminal charges?**
- (A lawyer later found out that they did so at the request of the woman, but I assume her connection to the judge also played a role. Allowing a “victim” to press criminal charges on someone at any time in the future turns the court system into a weapon of control and extortion. They had told my lawyer that they pressed charges because the woman was so adamant about it. Is that how our judicial system works, whoever throws the biggest fit gets their way?)
- I got a lawyer at this point. The lawyer informed me that this courthouse was notorious for being “ ” as he put it. He told me a story of a judge screaming at his friend there when he was representing him. I can’t help but suspect it was the same judge.
- When my lawyer and I showed up to court, we appeared in a courtroom with a different judge. **While waiting, the court clerk came up to us saying she couldn’t find my paperwork and seemed confused.** Eventually, the court clerk came up and said this is all she had for us. **It was a single piece of paper from the prior judge (the one I’m writing to you about) ordering that I show up in his courtroom at a later date.**
- **The paper handed to us had the word “ ” circled on it.** My only communications with the girl during and a year before the court order were through online messages. (We had worked together before that with limited interactions, which, to my surprise at the time, included her running up and aggressively hugging me in front of all our coworkers on my last day.) , as I later learned, would only apply in this situation if physical property was damaged during a restraining order. So why was the word “ ” circled? **I can’t help but think that the judge (and perhaps the woman) was hinting at wanting a bribe,** that the girl got the wrong impression that I was born into wealth (my family is actually middle class) and the judge hated such people.
- I found out that I could be facing months in jail and that I had to have a bench trial without the option of a trial by jury. This seems inconsistent to what we’re taught in our public school system when it comes to our rights and our country being one free of tyranny.
- **The woman and her friends left taunting messages on her social media page with bizarre photos of themselves, which included the police officer that filed the charges against me wearing weird makeup and making weird faces.** The messages made it clear she knew what the judge had done. **It seems like their intention was to scare me** (perhaps to pay them off?). I saved such pages to later show the prosecutor, which never happened. I did show my lawyer before the trial, but he didn’t seem to really care.
- **The judge did not show up that day,** instead a female judge was presiding. I can’t help but think he didn’t want his face to be known to my lawyer or my family as my first day in court I came alone. **The woman showed up with a group of people, who then panicked and hid down the hallway once they saw I wasn’t alone.** They eventually came in and sat behind us in court.

- **The prosecutors, there were two of them, refused to talk to me and would only talk to my lawyer. The male prosecutor's body language seemed nervous when he said he was only going to talk to my lawyer.** I never got a chance to present any of my evidence. **They wouldn't allow me in the private room that is part of the courtroom, so I was forced to go to the hallway to talk to my lawyer for some privacy.**
- **Each time I would go out to the hallway to talk to my lawyer about the plea deal, a man from the woman's group would come out to the hallway to listen to our conversations. I** know this for certain as the woman's group sat behind us and that man would repeat to the woman what I had just told my lawyer in the hallway.
- The prosecutors refused to budge on any of the terms. This, ironically, included taking an anger management course despite the male judge being the one who seems to have anger issues and the fact that my violation was for sending an apology letter online. The prosecutors also emphasized to my lawyer that I could only blame myself for everything that happened.
- (By the way, if she wanted no communication from me, then why didn't she simply block me online first? If she had done so, then she would have never received that message. What was her true intention behind getting that court order?)
- **When I stood in front of the female judge to sign the plea deal, she made a taunting joke about everything ending badly for me.**
- The terms of my probation essentially extended the restraining order, so I never bothered with my appeal regarding the restraining order.
- I eventually had to meet with a probation officer. When I told my probation officer my story, he got a horrified look on his face. **He then told me that the male judge had just retired.**
- When I finished my anger management classes and came to report to my probation officer for the last time (as long as I didn't violate my probation), **my probation officer told me they took care of everything. When I asked him what he meant? He told me you don't have a criminal record and walked out the door.**
- **I asked my lawyer to look into it. He said he couldn't find any record of my time in court, like it never even happened.** My lawyer didn't seem shocked at this. How commonplace are actions like these in our court system?
- That puts me in an awkward position as I would feel bad getting these court workers in trouble if they did what they felt in their hearts to be right. (However, most of the court workers there seemed to find my situation amusing and relished it.) While I still feel the need to report the truth, now I don't have any official court records to support my story.
- After that I received taunting and bizarre emails, including one describing child pornography. I suspect it was the man who kept coming to the hallway to listen in on my conversation with my lawyer.
- Being young and unknowledgeable about the court system, I eventually reported what happened to me to the \_\_\_\_\_, which included sitting down and talking directly with an \_\_\_\_\_ agent, as I didn't know who else to report this to. They basically told me they couldn't care less.
- (I had brought up the idea of reporting the judge's behavior to the courts during the trial with my lawyer for him to say he believed that there were very tight deadlines to do that which we had already missed, but I feel like he was just scared of filing a complaint against a judge as he seemed nervous when he told me this. While he's very nice and represented me for free, so I would hate to get him in trouble, I know that would probably be your first question for me.)
- Towards the end of my probation, I finally changed my social media from private to public to then see that **the woman was still accessing my social media page.** This caused me to gradually get rid of all my social media accounts and hide my online presence for the last

decades out of concern for my own safety and sanity. Only recently have I started to put my face online again.

- In the years after that event, I read material online to eventually come to the conclusion that **this girl most likely suffered from bipolar and/or borderline personality disorder**. She probably also suffered from narcissistic personality disorder too. This would explain why she came off as so emotional and adamant about things with the prosecutor. **Is the judicial system a weapon of the mentally ill? Is the judicial system there for criminals to find technicalities to go after college students just trying to earn their degrees and figure out their love lives?**
- With the judge retired and learning about absolute immunity, I realized that there wasn't anything I could really do about the situation. However, many years later I found out that after "retiring" he went straight to become a judge pro tempore as the head judge in a neighboring city. Who knows who else he went on to torture through the legal system.
- I ended up getting my master's degree, a CPA license, and a job at one of the Big Four accounting firms. If my background had shown any criminal record, including a misdemeanor, I probably would have never landed that job.
- But not having social media, especially work-related ones like \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, has made my career (I later changed careers), finding decent work, and keeping friendships difficult.

The name of the male judge is \_\_\_\_\_ . This happened at the \_\_\_\_\_ Court. \_\_\_\_\_

It's clear to me that, at least for the judge, the main purpose of all this was to cause emotional distress and possibly PTSD to easy targets, like college students, to take his life frustrations out on them—to be his "reminder" to them for the rest of their lives.

Unfortunately, I can't find any of the related paperwork as it was so long ago and for the longest time I just wanted to forget it ever happened as it was probably the worst experience of my life. It's hard for me to even give you the exact year that this all happened. But I can provide the names of the other individuals involved if you wish to know more.

If you're wondering why I'm writing to you about this now, I'm currently in \_\_\_\_\_ and as of late I've been successful in holding various government officials accountable for their actions by being persistent with the written word. A friend from \_\_\_\_\_ recently contacted me online and got me talking about the past. I have a hard time doing what I'm doing now while ignoring what happened to me all those years ago. A book I just read said that time is the enemy of injustice and wickedness and the friend of morality and justice. That seems to be true of \_\_\_\_\_ Is that true of Arizona?

Sincerely,  
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