

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 23-424

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

April 19, 2024

The Complainant alleged a municipal court commissioner had an improper demeanor and denied him the right to be heard in a protective order.

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

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on April 19, 2024.

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2023-424

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~~Complaint narrative, in reference to Judge Lauren Ramirez.~~

Case #
Court

Complaint description:

I have several concerns about the hostile and aggressive, verbal and nonverbal expression that the judge used towards me in the courtroom, as if it was attempt to minimize and nullify my experience that caused me to get a protective order against the defendant.

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In complete , or read my experience from a victim impact perspective. The judge offered me. Several minutes to tell my story as I attempted to tell my story the judge continued to interrupted me several times, and said this might be a a trespassing. I said the people involved in my complaint ambushed me came through the security gate at and hid in the bushes.

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The judge kept yelling at me, saying, quit, interrupting me I wasn't interrupting her in the middle of a point that I was making. She became shrewd and rude, and I was unable to keep my focus, because of her aggression toward me. It was almost like she was treating me as if I was a defendant. She also very unwilling to allow me to talk about things that brought us to this court hearing and allowed my evidence to be heard uninterrupted and objectively for evidence.

Every time I tried to make a point, she said stop interrupting me, even if I made a jester as if I was about to talk he said be quiet and quit talking. This is got to be on the record. I presented in court. As a retired officer.

I understand court etiquette, and I have never seen such a poor representation of disrespect to a client who has suffered the painful anguish that the defendant in her accomplice tried to put on me. The judge minimized it to the point where she's kept saying,

Everything that I tried to say in the court room. The Judge kept interrupting me!

Please see the court records/ video of the proceedings . Please see the court recording it was very uncomfortable the judge mad me feel like I was Wrong for taking action to get a protective order because I was a man and that I had done something wrong and what was done to me was the wrong that was exhibited that evening that caused me to file a complaint.

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The judge also kept asking me why didn't you file this in the mesa municipal court. Why did you come to [redacted] as if I was a suspect in a crime or a defendant in this particular hearing. I told the judge the reason why I filed in [redacted] Court is because I live in [redacted] and it's closer to my home and why do I have to make justification where I filed the protective order, which again appeared that she was in favor of the defendant.

Throughout the hearing everything I could say, she would interrupt. And [redacted] I felt like she tried to put a muzzle on me like a dog, and she made it clear she didn't like me or wanted to hear anything I had to say.

The she defendant share her entire story But wouldn't let me explain mine. The defendant was allowed read her entire statement and present exhibits after her time was expired But rushed me in my cross examination questions.

The defendant was allowed to call me names like liar and other put down throughout the hearing. statements they could tell the whole story describe About me put downs, disrespect. The judge skipped me for about three or four minutes and then said oh it's your turn for cross examination as I tried to do the cross examination, the judge kept interrupting me I said, I'm asking questions that she posed the defendant in the hearing.

I asked the judge Why are you continuing to minimize my concerns to the point; I just conceded to the point of conceding it was the most disrespectful display of professional etiquette in a court room I have ever witnessed in my [redacted] years of Law Enforcement in Court room and especially displayed by a Judge.

Respectfully

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