

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 23-464

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

April 12, 2024

The Complainant alleged improper legal rulings and poor demeanor by a superior court judge hearing a criminal 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 Denise K. Aguilar and Joseph C. Kreamer did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

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

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I trust this letter finds you in good health. My name is _____, and I writing this complaint for case, _____. I am writing to express my concerns about certain aspects of the proceedings that transpired during the court session held on _____ which the judge violated my human rights.

Firstly, I observed what appeared to be an inappropriate reaction from Judge _____ towards my motion, characterized by laughter. This response is troubling given the serious nature of my case, which involves injuries sustained from an encounter with a law enforcement officer, requiring emergency shoulder surgery. I believe every litigant deserves a fair and impartial consideration of their case, and such conduct undermines the integrity of the legal process.

Secondly, I encountered challenges in exercising my right to choose legal representation. Judge [redacted] declined my request to dismiss the public defender assigned to my case and advised me to discuss the matter with the trial judge. This directive places me in a predicament where I may be compelled to go to trial with inadequate legal assistance, as my current representation has not adequately supported my case.

To provide clarity on the aforementioned concerns, I kindly request that you review the video footage of the court session on [redacted]. Additionally, I seek your assistance in obtaining a copy of this recording for my records.

As a professional with a recognized standing in the fields of food criticism, health inspection, and secret shopping, I was disheartened by the treatment I received during the court proceedings. The experience left me questioning the fairness and impartiality of the legal process, and I assert that every individual, regardless of their background, deserves equitable treatment within the judicial system.

I am reaching out with the hope that this matter can be addressed promptly and impartially to ensure a fair and just resolution in accordance with the principles that underpin our legal system. This judge has violated multiple human rights. I appreciate your attention to this important matter and look forward to a timely resolution.

Thank you