

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 23-481

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

April 19, 2024

The Complainant alleged a superior court commissioner made biased rulings in a guardianship 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 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.

From:**Sent:****To:** Commission on Judicial Conduct <CommissionJudicialCo@courts.az.gov>**Subject:** ATTN; JUDGE

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Subject: Formal Complaint Regarding Judicial Bias and Violation of Civil and Human Rights Dear Judge [Judge's Last Name], I hope this letter finds you in good health. I am writing to express my deep concern and frustration regarding the recent legal proceedings in the matter of guardianship and conservatorship for my disabled son, [Son's Full Name]. I believe that the court's decisions have been influenced by bias, resulting in a violation of our civil and human rights. It has come to my attention that despite my son submitting documents to the court asserting his capacity and expressing his desire to live an independent life, the court has proceeded to award guardianship to [Guardian's Full Name]. This decision, I contend, is in direct contradiction to the evidence provided and my son's expressed wishes. It appears that crucial information has been overlooked, and his rights have been unjustly denied. Moreover, the termination of my parental rights without just cause and the subsequent granting of full guardianship to [Guardian's Full Name] raises serious questions about the fairness and impartiality of the proceedings. This situation has left me deeply concerned about the potential influence of external factors, such as financial interests, in the court's decision-making process. I implore the court to reevaluate the case, taking into account the documented evidence of my son's capacity and his explicit desire to regain control of his life. It is disheartening to witness what seems to be a disregard for fundamental rights and a departure from the principles of justice. I request a thorough review of the proceedings and a reconsideration of the decisions made, ensuring that the best interests of my son, as well as the principles of justice, are upheld. I trust that the court will address this matter with the utmost fairness and impartiality. Thank you for your attention to this serious issue. Sincerely,