

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 24-021

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

April 19, 2024

The Complainant alleged improper legal rulings by a superior court judge (now retired) hearing a family 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.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name: Judge's Name:

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It has recently come to my knowledge with my custody case now going to trial this year that Judge did not follow proper conduct and did not follow the state statute of 25-403.03. Judge gave my sons father everything he asked for even though he was actively in criminal court for abusing our son. He was fighting his then felony child abuse per adult domestic violence charge. He had been fighting that charge since . He got decision making which as the statute stated he never should have even gotten that option. Judge threw out the no contact order and our local police department had in place and stated that was an unnecessary measure. never even did his interview as he was always too busy. Judge stated to me that criminal history past and present did not matter to her at all and that I had and needed therapy. I was bullied into our current agreement by or I would have lost my rights. I never wanted anything on the current agreement, I wanted my sons father have minimal contact with no decision rights as he has proven time and time again he only cares about his best interest not his and has always left the decisions up to me since our son was born. My lawyer did not even fight for me or what I wanted and told me to agree even when I said no, and then focused on her other cases so I ended up pro se just as I had started. Judge even went as far as using her personal experience with her daughter as to her reasoning as to why she made the decisions she did. She believed his lies over my truths and did not even give me a fair chance at proving his lies. It was also seen that and had discussed this case at one of their outings.

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