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**Correction:**Published correction ran on 7/25/02: \* A story on Page B6 on Wednesday should have reported that **Annette Clark**, constable for East Phoenix Justice Court No. 2, plans to seek re-election in 2004. An incorrect year was given.

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A Maricopa County constable accused of intimidating casino employees, being rude toward litigants and court staff, and failing to serve papers on time should resign, a state ethics board recommended Tuesday.

CAPTION: **Annette Clark** CAPTION: East Phoenix No. 2 Precinct

The Constables Ethics Committee also has asked the county attorney to investigate possible criminal charges against **Annette Clark**, constable for East Phoenix Justice Court No. 2.

"Her behavior demonstrated a pattern of conduct that could be considered misfeasance in office," the committee said in its decision.

Among other things, they say that during a conference in Nevada, **Clark** tried to have a cook arrested for burning her food and also harassed a bellhop.

The committee, formed by the Legislature last year, reprimanded **Clark** based on 11 complaints. She disputed all the complaints Tuesday through her attorney, David Eagle.

"**Clark** is an honest, hardworking public servant who devotes many hours to her job," he said.

"She doesn't think she has a temper problem."

Eagle criticized the committee's investigation into **Clark**, saying she was not allowed to call witnesses or cross-examine witnesses. **Clark** was allowed to submit a written response.

The committee has no authority to remove or suspend a constable.

"The anger and agitation she often displays has given cause for concern for a number of county and court staff," said Trina Lambert, a county justice system coordinator.

In fact, the county revoked **Clark's** employee bypass privileges to all county buildings and garages, so **Clark** must walk through metal detectors in public entrances. She also has been ordered to communicate with county and court personnel in writing only.

Complaints against constables from disgruntled tenants are somewhat expected, Lambert said. But most complaints against **Clark** were from landlords who claim she refused to execute court orders, and said **Clark** was generally hostile.

Several police reports have been filed against **Clark**, but no charges resulted.

They include allegations of threats to shoot a 911 operator for not producing a police report, to blow up a US West building over a disconnected telephone, and to "kill everybody" at Maricopa Medical Center in a billing dispute.

**Clark** has disputed those threats but acknowledged making a "citizens arrest" of an 11-year-old boy for noise outside her condominium.

**Clark**, a homemaker, was elected in November 2000 and makes \$48,000 annually. Eagle said **Clark** plans to seek re-election in 2002.

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