

THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT
219 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

July 15, 2008

FRANK H. EASTERBROOK
Chief Judge

No. 07-08-90058

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDICIAL OFFICER

MEMORANDUM

Complainant, a frequent civil litigant, asks the Judicial Council to investigate why the same district judge has been assigned to all of his suits. He says that he “plans to file more cases to certain actions pending” and wants them assigned to a different district judge.

This complaint is dismissed under 28 U.S.C. §352(b)(1)(A)(i) because it does not allege misconduct. District courts commonly assign related cases to a single judge, so that multiple judges need not devote the time needed to become familiar with a litigant and his contentions. There is nothing wrong with this practice. No litigant has a right to have cases heard by a particular judge—let alone to shop for judges, as complainant proposes to do, until he finds one more sympathetic to his contentions. Every litigant is entitled to a correct decision, but the way to achieve this is by proper presentation in the district court and, if necessary, appeal. Complainant appealed two of the more recent decisions to the court of appeals, which affirmed both in non-precedential orders. These orders show that the district judge has handled complainant’s litigation appropriately.