

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

November 26, 2012

FRANK H. EASTERBROOK
Chief Judge

No. 07-12-90091

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDICIAL OFFICER

MEMORANDUM

Last month complainant, the plaintiff in civil litigation, accused the district judge of misconduct in denying him leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. I dismissed that complaint (No. 07-12-90079) under 28 U.S.C. §352(b)(1)(A)(ii), which says that any complaint that is “directly related to the merits of a decision or procedural ruling” must be dismissed. See also Rule 11(c)(1)(B) of the Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings.

The current complaint asserts that the judge committed misconduct by telling the Panel on Multidistrict Litigation that complainant’s motion for transfer should be denied (which it was). This action, too, is covered by §352(b)(1)(A)(ii).

Complainant’s failure to mention that statute, and my prior decision, raises a concern about the *bona fides* of his complaints. Any further complaint that does not make a serious effort to show how it is compatible with §352(b)(1)(A)(ii) will be dismissed summarily, and I will direct complainant to show cause why the Judicial Council should not curtail his apparently frivolous invocations of the 1980 Act. See Rule 10(a) of the Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings.