

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

March 24, 2014

Chief Judge Diane P. Wood

No. 07-14-90023

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

MEMORANDUM

Complainant has filed a judicial misconduct complaint against the judge assigned to his case. The complaint is that the judge denied the appointment of counsel. The complainant is requesting appointment of counsel and reassignment to another judge. Any complaint such as this which is "directly related to the merits of a decision or procedural ruling" must be dismissed. 28 U.S.C. §352(b)(1)(A)(ii). See also Rule 11(c)(1)(B) of the Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings. "Any allegation that calls into question the correctness of an official action of a judge...is merits related." Standard 2 for Assessing Compliance with the Act, *Implementation of the Judicial Conduct and Disability Act of 1980: A Report to the Chief Justice* 145 (2006). The decision to deny counsel may be appealed. It is not the proper subject for a judicial misconduct complaint.

This complaint is dismissed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §352(b)(1)(A)(ii).