

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

March 24, 2014

Chief Judge Diane P. Wood

No. 07-14-90025

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. 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 is the fourth complaint filed by complainant against different judges within the last ten days, all of which have been dismissed. If complainant continues to abuse the provisions of the Judicial Conduct and Disability Act, 28 U.S.C. §§351-364, I will ask the Seventh Circuit Judicial Council to require complainant to post a \$1,000 bond before any future complaints are reviewed.

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