

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

November 13, 2018

Chief Judge Diane P. Wood

Nos. 07-18-90073, 07-18-90074, 07-18-90075, 07-18-90076, 07-18-90077, and 07-18-90078

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST SIX JUDGES

MEMORANDUM

Complainant has filed two judicial misconduct complaints naming six judges assigned to complainant's cases. The complainant also complains about the clerk's office, the help desk, and the "seventh circuit court executive committee." There is no such committee. The United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois has an Executive Committee.

The allegations in the complaint about the clerk's office and the help desk are dismissed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §352(b)(1)(A)(i) as the judicial misconduct and disability complaints are only to be filed against judges.

Assuming that complainant meant to file a complaint against the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois Executive Committee, the Executive Committee's decision to require that complainant be escorted by a security officer when complainant is in the federal courthouse does not constitute judicial misconduct. It does not impede complainant's access to the courthouse. It is meant to protect the members of the public and the persons who work in the courthouse. There is no misconduct by the Executive Committee so that part of the complaint is dismissed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §352(b)(1)(A)(iii).

As to the complaints about the six judges, the allegations concern the judges' adverse rulings. If the judges erred, their rulings can be appealed.

Any complaint that 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).

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