

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

May 22, 2020

Chief Judge Diane P. Wood

No. 07-20-90015

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

MEMORANDUM

Complainant has filed a judicial misconduct complaint against the judge assigned to his cases. The complaint is that the judge rendered biased decisions adverse to the complainant in two pending cases. The judge's rulings are official actions directly related to the merits, are not judicial misconduct and can only be challenged on appeal. 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)(ii).