

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

February 28, 2024

Chief Judge Diane S. Sykes

No. 07-23-90063

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

The complainant filed a misconduct complaint against the judge who dismissed her social security case. She challenges several of the judge's decisions, alleging that he made wrong "assumptions and conclusions," incorrectly characterized her case, and improperly found that her claims were barred by res judicata. She also alleges that the judge exhibited bias in favor of the defendant and discriminated against her because she is a disabled pro se litigant.

A misconduct proceeding is not the proper forum in which to challenge a judge's procedural or substantive decisions. Allegations that are directly related to the merits of a judge's decisions must be dismissed. 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii). "Any allegation that calls into question the correctness of an official action of a judge ... is merits related." RULES FOR JUD.-CONDUCT & JUD.-DISABILITY PROC. r. 4(b)(1) cmt. The allegations of bias and discrimination are wholly unsupported and frivolous. A misconduct complaint must be supported by sufficient facts to raise an inference that misconduct occurred. 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii). Adverse rulings alone are not evidence of bias, discrimination, or any other misconduct.

For the foregoing reasons, the complaint is dismissed pursuant to § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii) and (iii). The complainant may petition the Judicial Council of the Seventh Circuit for review of this order in accordance with Rule 18(b) of the *Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings*. *Id.* § 352(c); see RULES FOR JUD.-CONDUCT & JUD.-DISABILITY PROC. r. 11(g)(3). A petition for review must be filed in the clerk's office of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit not later than 42 days of the date of this order.