

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

April 5, 2024

Chief Judge Diane S. Sykes

No. 07-24-90012

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

The complainant filed a misconduct complaint against the judge who dismissed his civil case because he failed to pay the filing fee or file an in forma pauperis application. He challenges the dismissal decision, alleging that “there is no law” requiring him to file an in forma pauperis application or to claim indigency. He also alleges that the judgment is “null and void” because the “court dockets” do not bear the “seal of the court” or “signature of the clerk.”

These allegations relate directly to the merits of the judge’s dismissal decision and thus are not proper grounds for a misconduct complaint. 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.

Accordingly, the complaint is dismissed pursuant to § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii). 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*. 28 U.S.C. § 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.