

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

May 8, 2024

Chief Judge Diane S. Sykes

Nos. 07-24-90023, -90024, -90025 & -90027

IN RE COMPLAINTS AGAINST FOUR JUDGES

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

The complainant filed misconduct complaints against four judges who ordered him to either pay the filing fee or file an *in forma pauperis* application in his various civil cases. He challenges these decisions, alleging that he is not required to comply with the judges' orders because he is not part of the "citizenry."

These allegations relate directly to the merits of the judges' decisions 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.

The complainant has filed seven misconduct complaints within two months. All have been summarily dismissed because they simply contested the merits of the judges' rulings in the complainant's cases. *See* Nos. 07-24-90012, -90013, and -90014. In my order dismissing the last complaint, I warned the complainant that repetitive filing of insubstantial misconduct complaints is an abuse of the Judicial Conduct and Disability Act. Rule 10(a) of the *Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings* empowers the Judicial Council of the Seventh Circuit to prohibit, restrict, or impose conditions on an abusive complainant's use of the complaint procedure. I warned the complainant that I would seek such an order from the Council if he continues to abuse the misconduct process.

The complainant filed these four complaints before I issued my last order, so this is his final warning. If he abuses the provisions of the Act by filing another misconduct complaint that is summarily dismissed as frivolous, merits related, and/or not within the scope of the Act, I will ask the Judicial Council for an order requiring him to post a \$1,000

bond before any future complaints are reviewed. *See* RULES FOR JUD.-CONDUCT & JUD.-DISABILITY PROC. 10(a).

These complaints are 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.