

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

June 21, 2024

Chief Judge Diane S. Sykes

No. 07-24-90047

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

The complainant filed a misconduct complaint against the judge who presided in his 2010 civil-rights case and dismissed his original and amended complaints as unintelligible. The misconduct complaint is hard to decipher, but the complainant generally challenges the dismissal rulings, arguing that the judge did not provide a “definite statement detailing defects” in his pleadings. He also vaguely accuses the judge of being biased against him.

The allegations regarding the judge’s dismissal rulings are directly related to the merits of the judge’s decisions in the complainant’s case and thus are not proper grounds for a misconduct complaint. 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii); RULES FOR JUD.-CONDUCT & JUD.-DISABILITY PROC. r. 4(b)(1) cmt. The allegations of bias are wholly unsupported and frivolous. 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii). Allegations of misconduct must be supported by sufficient facts to raise an inference that misconduct occurred; adverse rulings alone are not evidence of any type of misconduct.

Accordingly, 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.