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

July 30, 2024

Chief Judge Diane S. Sykes

No. 07-24-90064

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

## MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

The complainant filed a misconduct complaint against the judge who presided in her civil-rights case. She accuses the judge of violating her right to privacy by allowing her attorney to disclose private facts about her during a telephonic status hearing and publicly disclosing those facts in retaliation for her filing a complaint against him.

To the extent that these allegations challenge the judge's procedural and substantive rulings, they are directly related to the merits of 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 allegation that the judge retaliated against her is wholly unsupported and frivolous. 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii).

Accordingly, this 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.