

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

September 20, 2024

Chief Judge Diane S. Sykes

No. 07-24-90072

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

The complainant is a frequent pro se litigant and restricted filer based on his history of frivolous lawsuits, motions, and appeals. He is also a persistent filer of lengthy, nonsensical misconduct complaints.

On May 21, 2024, the complainant filed a 230-page misconduct complaint against every circuit judge and a magistrate judge. To the extent that this filing concerned the circuit judges, I treated it as a supplement to a materially similar misconduct complaint the complainant filed on April 30, 2024 (Nos. 07-24-90049 through -90063). On June 21, 2024, using authority granted to me by the Judicial Council under Rule 25(f) of the *Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings*, I dismissed the April 30 complaint and the May 21 supplement, together with an earlier complaint the complainant had filed against the circuit judges on March 29, 2024 (Nos. 07-24-90029 through -90043).

The May 21 complaint against the magistrate judge was assigned Complaint No. 07-24-90072. The complainant was informed of this designation by letter dated June 11, 2024. This sprawling complaint, like its predecessors, is rambling and incoherent. It contains few specific allegations against the magistrate judge but appears to challenge her actions in her capacity as a member of the district court's Executive Committee, and specifically the Committee's entry of the filing bar against him. The complainant alleges that the filing bar was issued in retaliation for his prior complaints that the Executive Committee was biased against him because he is a Coptic Christian.

To the extent that these allegations challenge the merits of the magistrate judge's decisions as a member of the court's Executive Committee, they do not raise an inference of misconduct. 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" and not a proper basis for a misconduct complaint. RULES FOR JUD.-CONDUCT & JUD.-DISABILITY PROC. r. 4(b)(1) cmt. The

complainant's allegations of retaliatory motive are wholly unsupported and frivolous. 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii).

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.