

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

August 21, 2024

Chief Judge Diane S. Sykes

Nos. 07-24-90074 & 07-24-90075

IN RE COMPLAINTS AGAINST TWO JUDGES

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

The complainant filed a misconduct complaint against two judges: a district judge who presided in his criminal case and a circuit judge who imposed sanctions against him based on his repetitive frivolous filings. He challenges numerous rulings by each of the judges. He also alleges—without any support—that the district judge “doctored jury instructions” and made impermissible “politically charged statements” about a government shutdown. Finally, he alleges—again without any support—that the circuit judge “falsified what was displayed” in video evidence and treated him in an “egregious and hostile manner” by imposing sanctions. The complainant requests that all filing restrictions and other sanctions against him be lifted and that the two judges be disqualified from hearing any of his ongoing or future cases.

Most of the complainant’s allegations relate directly to the judges’ procedural and substantive rulings 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” and is excluded from the definition of misconduct. RULES FOR JUD.-CONDUCT & JUD.-DISABILITY PROC. r. 4(b)(1) cmt. The remaining allegations about improper political statements and hostile treatment are wholly unsupported and frivolous. 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii). A complainant must provide sufficient facts to raise an inference that misconduct has occurred; unsupported assertions and adverse outcomes are not sufficient.

Accordingly, these complaints are 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.