

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

October 18, 2024

Chief Judge Diane S. Sykes

Nos. 07-24-90091 & 07-24-90092

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST TWO JUDGES

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

The complainant, a state prisoner, filed a misconduct complaint against two judges—the judge who was previously assigned to one of his civil rights cases and the judge who is currently handling two of his pending civil-rights cases. The allegations are hard to decipher, but the complainant apparently takes issue with several of the judges’ rulings in his cases. He also suggests that the judges are biased against him.

To the extent that the allegations challenge the judges’ procedural or substantive rulings, they 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 decision or procedural ruling of a judge ... is merits related.” RULES FOR JUD.-CONDUCT & JUD.-DISABILITY PROC. r. 4(b)(1) cmt. The complainant’s allegations of bias are wholly unsupported and frivolous. 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii). Adverse rulings are not evidence of improper bias or any other type of misconduct.

Accordingly, the 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.