

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

October 29, 2024

Chief Judge Diane S. Sykes

Nos. 07-24-90093 & 07-24-90094

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST TWO JUDGES

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

The complainant filed a misconduct complaint against two district judges—the chief judge, who administratively reassigned his civil rights case to another judge, and the judge who received the reassigned case and later dismissed it. The complainant alleges that the reassignment of his case was “inappropriate interference” that “undermined the integrity of the judicial process.” He further alleges that the judge to whom the case was reassigned wrongly dismissed it by “disregarding [his] pro se status and disability.” He asserts that the dismissal decision “contradicts the principles of fairness and consistency expected from federal judges” and demonstrates “bias if not blatant discrimination.”

Most of these allegations relate directly to the merits of the judges’ procedural and substantive decision 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 decision or procedural ruling of a judge ... is merits related” and must be dismissed. RULES FOR JUD.-CONDUCT & JUD.-DISABILITY PROC. r. 4(b)(1) cmt. The allegations of bias are wholly unsupported and frivolous. § 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.