

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

September 20, 2024

Chief Judge Diane S. Sykes

Nos. 07-24-90098 through -90102

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST THREE JUDGES

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 July 23, 2024, the complainant filed a 922-page misconduct complaint against every circuit judge and three district judges. About a month later, on August 28, 2024, he filed a 534-page misconduct complaint against every circuit judge and two of the district judges who had been named in the July complaint. The two complaints, though different in length, are substantively similar. To the extent that the complaints concern the circuit judges, they are also substantially the same as, and supplementary to, a misconduct complaint the complainant filed on April 30, 2024 (Nos. 07-24-90049 through -90063) and another that he filed on May 21, which I treated as a supplement to the April 30 complaint. 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 July 23 and August 28 complaints against the circuit judges will be treated as supplements to Nos. 07-24-90049 through -90063 and resolved by separate order. The July 23 complaint against the three district judges was assigned Complaint Nos. 07-24-90098 through -90100; the August 28 complaint against two of the three district judges was assigned Complaint Nos. 07-24-90101 & 07-24-90102. This order resolves the complaints against the district judges.

The sprawling July and August complaints, like their predecessors, are rambling and incoherent. They contain few specific allegations against the district judges, but the complainant appears to take issue with their decisions in his cases and/or their actions in

imposing the district court's filing bar. Though the complainant insists that he is not challenging the merits of the judges' rulings, he criticizes the filing bar and some of the rulings in his cases. He also accuses the judges of discriminating against him because he is a Coptic Christian.

To the extent that these allegations challenge the merits of the judges' substantive or procedural rulings, the complaints do not raise an inference of misconduct and must be dismissed. 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 discrimination are wholly unsupported and frivolous. 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii).

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.