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

November 5, 2024

Chief Judge Diane S. Sykes

Nos. 07-24-90110 and 07-24-90111

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST TWO JUDGES

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

The complainant, a pro se litigant with a history of filing frivolous and vexatious lawsuits and motions, filed a misconduct complaint against two judges who were assigned to one of her cases—specifically, a 2022 state-court suit against 80 defendants that was removed to federal court and later dismissed. The complaint is rambling and largely focused on attacking the removal and dismissal of her case. She broadly accuses the judges of being biased against her as a pro se litigant and favoring the defendants by "illegally" permitting them to "dictate the entire lawsuit" and by making "unfounded, illegal[,] and incorrect" rulings against her.

The complainant's allegations primarily challenge the merits of the judges' decisions in her case 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. To the extent that the complainant accuses the judges of being biased against her, the allegations are unsupported and frivolous. 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii). A misconduct complaint must be supported by sufficient facts to raise an inference that misconduct occurred; adverse litigation outcomes are not enough.

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.-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.