

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

January 15, 2025

Chief Judge Diane S. Sykes

No. 07-24-90121, 07-24-90128

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST TWO JUDGES

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

The complainant is a serial filer of frivolous judicial misconduct complaints who has in the past 14 months filed six complaints against six different judges. His complaints are rambling and largely incoherent and are all related to the merits of judges' decisions. His two most recent complaints are against a judge who dismissed his case and referred it to the court's Executive Committee for consideration of a filing bar and a judge who served as the presiding judge of that Executive Committee who determined that restrictions should be placed on the complainant's ability to file new civil cases in that court pro se.

Like the earlier misconduct complaints, most of the allegations in the two new complaints are directly related to the merits of the judges' procedural and substantive decisions and 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 must be dismissed. RULES FOR JUD.-CONDUCT & JUD.-DISABILITY PROC. r. 4(b)(1) cmt. The remaining allegations are fantastical, largely indecipherable, 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.

Rule 10(a) of the *Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings* empowers the Judicial Council of the Seventh Circuit to prohibit, restrict, or impose

conditions on an abusive complainant's use of the complaint procedure. On January 2, 2025, the Judicial Council issued such an order, requiring the complainant to post a \$1,000 deposit with any future misconduct complaint under the Act. The deposit will be refunded if the Chief Judge determines that the complaint has any arguable merit but forfeited if the complaint is dismissed on initial review under § 352(b)(1)(A). Any complaint tendered by the complainant without the required deposit will be returned unfiled.