

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

July 18, 2012

FRANK H. EASTERBROOK
Chief Judge

No. 07-12-90039

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDICIAL OFFICER

MEMORANDUM

Complainant, the plaintiff in a civil suit, contends that some of the district judge's relatives work at the apartment complex where he lives, and that these relatives have begun to follow him around.

The Judicial Conduct and Disability Act of 1980 applies only to judicial officers. 28 U.S.C. §351. The behavior of a judge's relatives is outside the scope of the Act. The complaint does not allege any misconduct by the judge—or, indeed, any act at all by the judge. Complainant's lawsuit was against an agency of the federal government; neither the judge nor any of his relatives had an interest in the suit, so there would be no basis for thinking that the judge's participation was misconduct. The complaint therefore is dismissed, because it is not within the scope of the 1980 Act.