

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

April 2, 2013

FRANK H. EASTERBROOK  
Chief Judge

No. 07-13-90020

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDICIAL OFFICER

MEMORANDUM

Complainant filed a civil lawsuit that the district judge dismissed in favor of arbitration. Later the judge enforced the arbitrator's award, which was adverse to complainant. Complainant contends that the judge committed misconduct.

Any complaint that is "directly related to the merits of a decision or procedural ruling" must be dismissed. 28 U.S.C. §352(b)(1)(A)(ii). See also Rule 11(c)(1)(B) of the Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings. "Any allegation that calls into question the correctness of an official action of a judge ... is merits related." Standard 2 for Assessing Compliance with the Act, *Implementation of the Judicial Conduct and Disability Act of 1980: A Report to the Chief Justice* 145 (2006). The allegations of this complaint fit that description. The adverse decisions are the only basis of the complaint. Claims of error must be presented to the court of appeals, not the Judicial Council.