

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

August 22, 2013

FRANK H. EASTERBROOK
Chief Judge

No. 07-13-90058

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDICIAL OFFICER

MEMORANDUM

One of the complainants was recently convicted of federal drug and firearms crimes and is serving a lengthy term of imprisonment. His mother, the other complainant, appears to be the complaint's sole author; the son's signature is not on the documents. The complaint asserts that the police, defense counsel, the court reporter, and the judge all erred, and that Congress should have appropriated additional funds for mental examinations of suspects. The Judicial Conduct and Disability Act of 1980 concerns judicial officers only, so I disregard any allegations concerning other persons.

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. If a judge errs, the remedy lies in an appeal. One was taken, and the court of appeals affirmed. The Judicial Council, an administrative body, is not authorized to supervise the conduct of litigation.