

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

January 30, 2015

Chief Judge Diane P. Wood

Nos. 07-15-90002 and -90003

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST TWO JUDGES

MEMORANDUM

Complainant has filed a judicial misconduct complaint against two judges. The complaint is that the magistrate judge is deciding pretrial matters and the complainant has not consented to jurisdiction by the magistrate judge. The law allows a district judge to designate a magistrate judge to hear and determine any pretrial matter with certain exceptions not relevant here. *See* 28 U.S.C. Section 636(b)(1)(A).

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). There is no judicial misconduct.

This complaint is dismissed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 352(b)(1)(A)(ii).