

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

July 25, 2016

Chief Judge Diane P. Wood

No. 07-16-90066

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

MEMORANDUM

Complainant has filed a judicial misconduct complaint against the judge assigned to his case. The thrust of his complaint is that the judge delayed in his initial ruling which resulted in the dismissal of his case and that the judge should have recused himself.

There was no undue delay in the handling of the underlying litigation. As to the judge not recusing, that is an issue for appeal, not the basis for a judicial misconduct complaint. 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).

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