

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

April 5, 2018

Chief Judge Diane P. Wood

No. 07-18-90024

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

MEMORANDUM

Complainant has filed a judicial misconduct complaint against the judge assigned to a series of his cases. The complainant states that it is not about the judge's rulings, but about the judge's favoritism to the opposing parties in complainant's cases, the judge's failure to rule, and the judge's failure to recuse. I have read the complaint and conclude that it is about the judge's rulings and the delay in rulings. A review of the docket establishes that some rulings have been delayed but the delay does not constitute judicial misconduct. The district has been without one of its district judges for over a year and a half.

As to the rulings, 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).