

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

April 18, 2018

Chief Judge Diane P. Wood

No. 07-18-90026

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

MEMORANDUM

Complainants have filed a judicial misconduct complaint against the judge assigned to their case. The complaint is that the judge advised these complainants to get a lawyer to represent them in the underlying litigation and then denied their request to recruit counsel for them. The judicial misconduct complaint requests help in retaining counsel for them.

It was actually another judge that denied their motion to recruit counsel, but that does not matter. The judicial misconduct complaint procedure is not another avenue to appeal an adverse ruling. 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).