

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

October 18, 2019

Chief Judge Diane P. Wood

No. 07-19-90049

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

MEMORANDUM

Complainant has filed a misconduct complaint against the judge assigned to her case. This is complainant's second complaint against the judge. I dismissed the first one, as nothing in the complaint raised an inference of judicial misconduct.

Complainant complains that the judge entered orders in complainant's case outside of normal business hours when the court is not open to the public. In this day of electronic filing over the internet, a judge is not limited to when the judge enters orders nor are attorneys limited as to when they file briefs or motions.

Complainant also complains that the judge used a form that is different from the model published by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts. Courts are free to adopt local forms and rules if they are consistent with the national rules. Using an inconsistent form is not judicial misconduct.

Complainant also complains that the judge changed a docket entry. It was also not judicial misconduct to correct a docket entry that there was to be no hearing on complainant's request to argue a motion.

Nothing establishes misconduct by the judge.

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