

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

April 17, 2020

*Circuit Judge Joel M. Flaum

Nos 07-20-90021 through 07-20-90042

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST TWENTY TWO JUDICIAL OFFICERS

MEMORANDUM

Complainant has filed twenty two substantially identical judicial misconduct complaints against three circuit judges and all of the judges and magistrate judges in two separate federal district courts. Complainant appears to believe that her identity is being used involving federal, state, and county law enforcement in identity theft and lawsuit scams and that she is being denied access to "...all the secret fictitious and fabricated lawsuits and cases/records." All of the complaints allege that various clerks and court staff are denying her access to and service of court records and that every federal district judge and magistrate judge is using the court for personal gain, abusing their office, involved in various scams and interfering in the duties of the clerk's office. Complainant provides no evidence or discussion to support any of her allegations against any of the district judges or magistrate judges. These claims are without basis. See 11(c)(1)(C) of the Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial Disability. Lastly, the bulk of the complaints address actions by various court staff and law enforcement persons. These persons are not judicial officials and are not subject the Judicial Conduct and Disability Act of 1980.

Three of these complaints are against circuit judges who dismissed a mandamus petition. Other than stating the fact that the mandamus petition was dismissed, the complainant provides no further evidence or discussion to support any allegation of misconduct. This dismissal was a ruling on the merits. 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).

Repetitive filing of insubstantial judicial misconduct complaints is an abuse of the provisions of the Judicial Conduct and Disabilities Act of 1980, 28 U.S.C. §§351-364. *See* Rule 10(a) of the Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings. If complainant continues to not comply with the provisions of the Act, I will suggest to the Seventh Circuit Judicial Council that it require complainant to post a \$1000.00 bond before any future complaints are reviewed. This is not a penalty and would be returned to complainant if the complaint is not insubstantial.

These complaints are dismissed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §352(b)(1)(A)(ii) and (iii).

*These complaints were assigned to Circuit Judge Joel M. Flaum pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §351(c).