

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

August 14, 2020

Chief Judge Diane S. Sykes

No. 07-20-90075

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE:

MEMORANDUM

This is the complainant's third misconduct complaint against the same judge. The previous complaints were dismissed because the allegations concerned the merits of the judge's rulings in the complainant's case and because nothing supported the complainant's allegation that the judge was biased against her.

This third complaint is similar. The allegations concern the judge's rulings in the complainant's case and accuse the judge of being biased against the complainant. As before, there is no evidence of bias. And again, any complaint "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, *Implementing 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 abuse the provisions of the Act, I will ask the Seventh Circuit Judicial Council to require complainant to post a \$1,000 bond before any future complaints are reviewed.

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