

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

October 30, 2020

Chief Judge Diane S. Sykes

Nos. 07-20-90077 and 07-20-90078

IN RE COMPLAINTS AGAINST TWO JUDGES:

MEMORANDUM

Complainant filed two judicial misconduct complaints against the judges assigned to his case. The complaints generally question the judges' character and temperament and challenge several rulings on the complainant's motions to withdraw his guilty plea and for new counsel.

There is no factual basis for the attacks on the judges' character and temperament. Complaints concerning a judge's rulings are "directly related to the merits of a decision or procedural ruling" and 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).

The complaints are dismissed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 351(a), 352(b)(1)(A)(i) and (ii).