

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

August 20, 2020

Chief Judge Diane S. Sykes

Nos. 07-20-90079 and 07-20-90080

IN RE COMPLAINTS AGAINST TWO JUDGES:

MEMORANDUM

Complainant filed judicial misconduct complaints against two judges. The first complaint identifies a judge whose involvement in the complainant's case was limited to referring it to the district court's Executive Committee for reassignment. This complaint does not allege any misconduct and is dismissed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 351(a) and 352(b)(1)(A)(i).

The second complaint concerns the judge to whom the case was reassigned and questions the judge's decisions denying the appointment of counsel and dismissing the case for failing to state a claim. This complaint is "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).