

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

October 23, 2020

Chief Judge Diane S. Sykes

Nos. 07-20-90096 and 07-20-90097

IN RE COMPLAINTS AGAINST TWO JUDGES:

MEMORANDUM

Complainant filed two misconduct complaints against the judges presiding in her civil case. She alleges that the judges lacked jurisdiction over the defendants, wrongly accepted their pleadings, and improperly denied her motions, thus perpetrating a fraud on the court. There is no basis for the allegation of fraud. Adverse rulings may be appealed and are not grounds for a misconduct complaint. 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).

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