

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

November 10, 2020

Chief Judge Diane S. Sykes

Nos. 07-20-90101 and 07-20-90102

IN RE COMPLAINTS AGAINST TWO JUDGES:

MEMORANDUM

Complainant filed two misconduct complaints against the judges presiding in his underlying case. The allegations relate to the merits of his case and otherwise raise no inference of misconduct. 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 complainant filed similar complaints in the past, which were dismissed for the similar reasons. 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 Judicial Council to require complainant to post a \$1,000 bond before any future complaints are reviewed.

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