

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

March 26, 2021

Chief Judge Diane S. Sykes

No. 07-21-90012

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE:

MEMORANDUM

Complainant filed a misconduct complaint against the judge who presided or currently presides over four civil cases in which the complainant is the plaintiff. He alleges that the judge: (1) arbitrarily dismissed one of the cases; (2) entertained a defense motion for leave to file a dispositive motion after the filing deadline; and (3) set one of the cases for trial with few or no intervening hearings. These allegations are directly related to the merits of the judge's decisions or procedural rulings, so they are not a proper basis for a misconduct complaint. 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii). "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 complaint is dismissed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii).