

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

May 10, 2022

Chief Judge Diane S. Sykes

No. 07-22-90019

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

The complainant filed a misconduct complaint against the judge who presided over his civil-rights case. He claims that several of the judge's orders violated his right to due process. He alleges that the judge engaged in political interference and bribery. He takes issue with the "tone" used by the judge in certain orders and contends that the judge is biased and lacks impartiality. He also alleges that the judge made disparaging remarks toward pro se litigants. He requests congressional review his complaint, an investigation of the judge, a jury trial, the entry of summary judgment in his favor, and an award of monetary damages.

The complaint does not raise cognizable judicial misconduct. The allegations of bias against pro se litigants, political interference, and bribery are wholly unsupported. Allegations of this sort must be supported by sufficient facts to raise an inference that misconduct has occurred; they cannot be based on mere speculation. 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii). The remaining allegations are directly related to the merits of the judge's rulings and thus are not proper grounds for a misconduct complaint. *Id.* § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii); RULES FOR JUD.-MISCONDUCT & JUD.-DISABILITY PROC. 4(b)(1).

For the foregoing reasons, the complaint is dismissed pursuant to § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii) and (iii). The complainant may petition the Judicial Council of the Seventh Circuit for review of this order in accordance with Rule 18(b) of the *Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings*. 28 U.S.C. § 352(c); *see* RULES FOR JUD.-CONDUCT & JUD.-DISABILITY PROC. 11(g)(3). A petition for review must be filed in the clerk's office of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit not later than 42 days of the date of this order.