

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

May 3, 2022

Chief Judge Diane S. Sykes

No. 07-22-90028

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

The complainant filed a misconduct complaint against the judge who presided over two of his criminal cases. He alleges that the judge has been unable to perform the duties of his office due to physical and mental disability and that the judge “hijack[ed]” one of his criminal cases from “a more liberal sentencing official.” The complainant seeks reassignment of his cases.

During my review of this complaint, the judge tendered his resignation from the bench effective September 1, 2022, and as of the date of this order, all of his cases, including those involving the complainant, have been reassigned. The act of resignation, coupled with the reassignment of his cases, constitute intervening events that render the complaint moot. 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(2) (explaining that the chief judge may conclude the proceeding if “action on the complaint is no longer necessary because of intervening events”); RULES FOR JUD.-CONDUCT & JUD.-DISABILITY PROC. 11(e) (“The chief judge may conclude a complaint proceeding in whole or in part upon determining that intervening events render some or all of the allegations moot . . .”).

For the foregoing reason, the complaint is concluded pursuant to § 352(b)(2) and Rule 11(e) of the *Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings*. Either party 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.