

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

June 28, 2022

Chief Judge Diane S. Sykes

No. 07-22-90038

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

The complainant filed a misconduct complaint against the judge assigned to his prisoner-rights case. He asserts a litany of complaints, all stemming from the judge's rulings in the case. Complaints about the merits of a judge's decisions are not proper grounds for a misconduct complaint and must be dismissed. 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." STEPHEN BREYER ET AL., IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JUDICIAL CONDUCT AND DISABILITY ACT OF 1980: A REPORT TO THE CHIEF JUSTICE 145 (2006). The complainant colors his merits-related claims with allegations of bias, ex parte communications, lack of impartiality, professional misconduct, and fraud (and other similar assertions). But the allegations of wrongdoing are wholly unsupported and likewise must be dismissed. 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii); see RULES FOR JUD.-CONDUCT & JUD.-DISABILITY PROC. 11(c)(1)(D).

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.