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

November 23, 2022

Chief Judge Diane S. Sykes

Nos. 07-22-90106 & 07-22-90107

IN RE COMPLAINTS AGAINST TWO JUDGES

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

The complainant filed a misconduct complaint against two judges—the magistrate judge and the district judge assigned to his social security case. He complains about several of the judges' rulings, including the magistrate judge's report and recommendation and the district judge's decision to adopt the report and recommendation and reject the complainant's challenges to the denial of his application for disability insurance benefits. The complainant subsequently sued the magistrate judge, alleging that the report and recommendation contained falsehoods and evinced bias and discrimination.

The complainant's allegations concern the merits of the judges' rulings and are not proper grounds for a misconduct complaint. 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii); RULES FOR JUD.-CONDUCT & JUD.-DISABILITY PROC. r. 4(b)(1). "Any allegation that calls into question the correctness of an official decision or procedural ruling of a judge … is merits related." RULES FOR JUD.-CONDUCT & JUD.-DISABILITY PROC. r. 4(b)(1) cmt. The complainant's allegations of bias and discrimination are wholly unsupported—adverse rulings alone are not proof of discrimination—and must be dismissed. 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii); *see* RULES FOR JUD.-CONDUCT & JUD.-DISABILITY PROC. r. 11(c)(1)(D).

Accordingly, the complaints are 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. r. 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.