

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

April 7, 2023

Chief Judge Diane S. Sykes

No. 07-23-90006

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

The complainant filed a misconduct complaint against the judge who dismissed her employment-discrimination case without prejudice to refiling. She alleges that the judge wrongly dismissed her complaint because her allegations were not specific enough and her handwriting was illegible. She also claims that the judge is “making up” a reason to dismiss her complaint as an excuse to not investigate or address her case.

These allegations challenge the merits of the judge’s decision and thus do not raise cognizable misconduct. Merits-related decisions are not proper grounds 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.” RULES FOR JUD.-CONDUCT & JUD.-DISABILITY PROC. r. 4(b)(1) cmt.

For the foregoing reasons, the complaint is dismissed pursuant to § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii). 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.