

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

July 20, 2023

Chief Judge Diane S. Sykes

No. 07-23-90025

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

The complainant filed a misconduct complaint against the judge assigned to her bankruptcy case. She challenges several of the judge's rulings in her case, including the judge's order granting the trustee's motion to compel the complainant to turn over funds and the judge's decision to issue a body-attachment order based on her failure to appear. The complainant alleges that these rulings exhibit bias in favor of the trustee. She also makes numerous allegations about her attorney, who withdrew from her case.

Allegations challenging the merits of a judge's procedural or substantive rulings 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. The complainant's contention that the judge is biased is wholly unsupported and frivolous. A misconduct complaint must be supported by sufficient facts to raise an inference that misconduct occurred. 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii). Adverse rulings alone are not evidence of bias. And the complainant's allegations regarding her former attorney do not fall within the purview of the Judicial Conduct and Disability Act. 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(i).

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