

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

December 20, 2023

Chief Judge Diane S. Sykes

Nos. 07-23-90046 & 07-23-90047

IN RE COMPLAINTS AGAINST TWO JUDGES

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

The complainant filed a misconduct complaint against two judges who dismissed his lawsuits concerning his social security benefits. He challenges the judges' dismissal orders on several grounds, but his primary contention is that they failed to order the Social Security Administration to provide him with "paperwork" regarding the basis of his benefits calculation. He also alleges that the judges' rulings violated his constitutional rights and exhibited bias against him because he is disabled.

The allegations regarding the complainant's social security "paperwork" and his constitutional rights concern the merits of the judges' procedural and substantive rulings and thus 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 allegation that the judges were 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 or any other misconduct.

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*. *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.