

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

December 20, 2023

Chief Judge Diane S. Sykes

No. 07-23-90052

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

The complainant filed a misconduct complaint against the judge who presided in his criminal case and denied his numerous postconviction motions, including motions for relief under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 and 18 U.S.C. § 3143, and other miscellaneous requests during the pendency of his appeal. The complaint is largely indecipherable, but the clearest allegation is that the judge is somehow responsible for “defamatory content” in the prison’s law library concerning the number of the complainant’s felony convictions (he says an unspecified library resource lists 15 convictions instead of one). He also generally accuses the judge of being biased against him.

This complaint is frivolous. The district court’s judgment clearly shows that the complainant pleaded guilty and was convicted of one felony—count 15 of the indictment—and the other counts were dismissed. The judge is not responsible for any alleged inaccuracies in material maintained in the prison law library. Allegations of bias must be supported by sufficient facts to raise an inference that misconduct occurred; adverse rulings alone are not evidence of bias or any other type of misconduct. 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii).

Accordingly, the complaint is dismissed pursuant to § 352(b)(1)(A)(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.