

The Judicial Council

FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

In the Matter of

Judicial Council Complaint No. DC-14-90046

A Charge of Judicial
Misconduct or Disability

Before: GARLAND, Chief Judge

ORDER

Upon consideration of the complaint herein, filed against a judge of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, it is

ORDERED that the complaint be dismissed for the reasons stated in the attached Memorandum.

The Circuit Executive is directed to send copies of this Order and accompanying Memorandum to the complainant, the subject judge, and the Judicial Conference Committee on Judicial Conduct and Disability. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 352(b); JUD. CONF. U.S., RULES FOR JUDICIAL-CONDUCT AND JUDICIAL-DISABILITY PROCEEDINGS 11(g)(2).


Merrick B. Garland, Chief Judge

Date: 2/4/15

MEMORANDUM

The complainant alleges that a judge of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia engaged in conduct prejudicial to the effective and expeditious administration of the business of the courts. The allegation arises out of the subject judge's role as a member of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC).

The complaint generally alleges wrongdoing by FISC judges in the issuance of warrants under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. The complaint does not, however, allege any specific wrongdoing by the subject judge. It is therefore "based on allegations lacking sufficient evidence to raise an inference that misconduct has occurred" and "must be dismissed." JUD. CONF. U.S., RULES FOR JUDICIAL-CONDUCT AND JUDICIAL-DISABILITY PROCEEDINGS 11(c)(1)(D); *see* 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii).¹

¹ Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 352(c) and JUD. CONF. U.S., RULES FOR JUDICIAL-CONDUCT AND JUDICIAL-DISABILITY PROCEEDINGS 18(a), the complainant may file a petition for review by the Judicial Council for the District of Columbia Circuit. Any petition must be filed in the Office of the Circuit Executive within 35 days of the date of the Clerk's letter transmitting the dismissal Order and this Memorandum. *Id.* R. 18(b).