

The Judicial Council

FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

In the Matter of

Judicial Council Complaint No. DC-18-90010

**A CHARGE OF JUDICIAL
MISCONDUCT OR DISABILITY**


Before: HENDERSON, *Circuit 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).



Karen LeCraft Henderson, Circuit Judge
District of Columbia Circuit

Date: 11/1/18

* Acting pursuant to Rule 25(f) of the RULES FOR JUDICIAL-CONDUCT AND JUDICIAL-DISABILITY PROCEEDINGS.

MEMORANDUM

Complainant has filed a complaint of judicial misconduct against a judge of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. For the following reasons, the misconduct complaint will be dismissed.

Complainant was the plaintiff in a case before the subject judge; the subject judge dismissed complainant's complaint for failure to satisfy the minimum pleading standards of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8(a). The nature of the present misconduct complaint is not fully clear, but complainant appears to take issue with what he portrays as an unexplained delay by the subject judge in resolving a fee waiver issue, and also complains that he did not receive a copy of the district court's dismissal order. Complainant also raises arguments challenging the subject judge's decision on the merits of his district court case.

Insofar as this misconduct complaint "is directly related to the merits of a decision or procedural ruling," it must be dismissed. JUD. CONF. RULES FOR JUDICIAL-CONDUCT AND JUDICIAL-DISABILITY PROCEEDINGS, Rule 11(c)(1)(B); see 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii). In all other respects, the misconduct complaint "lack[s] sufficient evidence to raise an inference that misconduct has occurred," and it must be dismissed. JUD. CONF. RULES FOR JUDICIAL-CONDUCT AND JUDICIAL-DISABILITY PROCEEDINGS, Rule 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, Rule 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 for the D.C. Circuit within 42 days of the date of the dismissal order. *Id.* Rule 18(b).