

JUDICIAL COUNCIL
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

In the Matter of
A Complaint of Judicial
Misconduct or Disability

Complaint No. DC-20-90009


Before: Srinivasan, 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 (2019), RULE 11(g)(2).



Sri Srinivasan, Chief Judge

Date: 6/5/20

MEMORANDUM

The 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.

The subject judge was assigned a criminal case. The complainant, who is not a party to the criminal case, filed a misconduct complaint against the subject judge challenging the judge's handling of the case. The complaint asserts in its entirety:

In my 65 years on this planet . . . I have never seen such outrageous behavior by any judge much less a district court judge. Attacking a defendant in her courtroom, attacking a member of the media, attacking a sitting President? As an American . . . I should never know the politics of a district court judge! [The subject judge] has destroyed her integrity and the integrity of the entire district court system. The "appearance" that the deep state is alive and well in our nations judicial branch is overwhelming.

It appears that the complainant is alleging that the subject judge acted in a partisan and inappropriate manner. The assertions that the judge verbally attacked the defendant, the media, and the President during court proceedings do not cite, identify, or reference any supporting evidence. The complaint will be dismissed because the allegations lack "sufficient evidence to raise an inference that misconduct has occurred." JUD. CONF. U.S., RULES FOR JUDICIAL-CONDUCT AND JUDICIAL-DISABILITY PROCEEDINGS (2019), 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 JUDICIAL-CONDUCT 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 after the date of the dismissal order. JUDICIAL-CONDUCT PROCEEDINGS RULE 18(b).