## JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

In the Matter of A Complaint of Judicial Misconduct or Disability No. DC-24-90027

Before: Henderson, Circuit Judge\*

## ORDER

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

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

The Circuit Executive is directed to send a copy 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).

Karen LeCraft Henderson, Circuit Judge

Date: 10/30/24

<sup>\*</sup> 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 Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. For the following reasons, the misconduct complaint will be dismissed.

Complainant accuses the subject judge of approving orders that have delayed the consideration of complainant's appeal due to an improper motive. See Jud. Conf. U.S., Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings, Rule 4(b)(2). These allegations, however, "lack[] sufficient evidence to raise an inference that misconduct has occurred." Jud. Conf. U.S., Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings, Rule 11(c)(1)(D); 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii). And to the extent that complainant alleges that the subject judge failed to consider relevant law, such allegations are "directly related to the merits of a decision or procedural ruling" and are thus not proper grounds for a finding of judicial misconduct. See Jud. Conf. U.S., Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings, Rules 4(b)(1) and 11(c)(1)(B); 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii).

The present complaint will therefore be dismissed.\*

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 352(c) and JUDICIAL-CONDUCT PROCEEDINGS RULE 18(a), 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. JUDICIAL-CONDUCT PROCEEDINGS RULE 18(b).