

JUDICIAL COUNCIL
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

**In the Matter of
A Complaint of Judicial
Misconduct or Disability**

Complaint No. DC-25-90013

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: February 13, 2026

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 complainant filed a pro se petition for a writ of habeas corpus against himself, the United States, a state, and the office of a religious official. Fifteen days after the habeas petition was filed, the complainant filed a judicial misconduct complaint alleging that “15 days have passed with no docketed activity, no order entered, no scheduling notice, and no action taken by the presiding judge or the court regarding this case.” Prior to the receipt and filing of the judicial misconduct complaint, the subject judge had issued a standing order setting forth the directives to be complied with in the case. Meanwhile, the complainant filed a series of motions including a “motion for proceeding in a foreign court,” an “ex parte, motion to lift stay,” a “motion to refer to an Article III judge,” and a “notice of pleas of guilt.” The subject judge subsequently dismissed the habeas petition without prejudice, concluding that the complainant had failed to show that he was entitled to any relief the court could grant. The judge also dismissed as moot the complainant’s pending motions.

The complainant’s judicial misconduct complaint alleges that subject judge’s “failure to act within a reasonable time frame – despite the urgent nature of the filings – has obstructed my ability to obtain timely relief and may constitute a violation of judicial

conduct obligations, administrative delay, and neglect of judicial duties as outlined in 28 U.S.C. § 351(a).” The complainant further argues that “[t]he continued inaction by the judge in this matter may also violate principles of due process, undermine public trust in judicial efficiency, and result in irreparable harm to my legal and property rights as Petitioner and Foreign Representative of the Principal Creditor.”

With respect to the complainant’s allegation that the subject judge delayed taking action on the case, “[c]ognizable misconduct does not include an allegation about delay in rendering a decision or ruling, unless the allegation concerns an improper motive in delaying a particular decision or habitual delay in a significant number of unrelated cases.” JUD. CONF. RULES FOR JUDICIAL-CONDUCT AND JUDICIAL-DISABILITY PROCEEDINGS, Rule 4(b)(2). The complainant, however, has not identified delay in a “significant number of unrelated cases,” nor does he allege that any alleged delay resulted from “an improper motive.” Moreover, a review of the district court docket reveals that the subject judge issued the standing order only 21 days after the complainant’s habeas petition was filed and promptly ruled on the complainant’s pending motions.

Accordingly, because the complainant’s generalized allegations of wrongdoing “lack[] sufficient evidence to raise an inference that misconduct has occurred,” the

complaint is dismissed. *See* JUDICIAL-CONDUCT PROCEEDINGS RULE 11(c)(1)(D); 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 of 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).