

JUDICIAL COUNCIL
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

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

Complaint No. DC-25-90044

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: July 17, 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 civil rights action in district court. The subject judge determined that the complainant had “fail[ed] to allege facts supporting a plausible legal claim.” Accordingly, the subject judge sua sponte dismissed the complaint without prejudice for failure to comply with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8(a). The complainant timely appealed, and the Court of Appeals affirmed the dismissal.

The complainant has now filed a judicial misconduct complaint against the subject judge alleging that the judge failed to enter a default judgment even though the defendants “failed to plead or otherwise defend.” The complainant further asserts that the subject judge erroneously dismissed the complaint without first allowing the defendants to respond to the complaint and “closed the subject case without Plaintiff’s consent.” The complainant argues that the subject judge thus failed to comply with the rule of law, did not rule with fairness and impartiality, and engaged in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice.

The complainant’s assertions of wrongdoing lack any factual support, and she has otherwise failed to provide any evidence of judicial misconduct. Because the subject judge dismissed the complaint for failure to comply with the Federal Rules of Civil

Procedure, she did not need to wait for the defendants to respond to the complaint. Thus, the complaint is “based on allegations lacking sufficient evidence to raise an inference that misconduct has occurred,” and it will be dismissed. JUD. CONF. U.S., 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 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).