

**FILED**

May 20, 2024

Lyle W. Cayce  
Clerk

# Judicial Council for the Fifth Circuit

---

Complaint Numbers: 05-24-90064 and 04-24-90065

---

## MEMORANDUM


Complainant, a private citizen, reports that he filed a request with the Financial Disclosure Office of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts [“the AO”] in March 2022, seeking the financial disclosure reports of the two subject United States Bankruptcy Judges. Complainant states that he has not yet received the requested reports and that, in response to his status inquiries, the Financial Disclosure Office replied that his request is being processed. He reports further that he is unable to find the subject judges’ financial disclosure reports on the AO’s website, and he concludes that the judges “have not uploaded their reports for years beginning 2022 moving forward, as mandated by [the AO’s procedures].”

I have conducted a limited inquiry regarding the complaint, as authorized by 28 U.S.C. § 352(a) and Rule 11(b) of the Rules For Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings. Both judges confirmed that they have filed their Financial Disclosure Reports in compliance with the AO’s procedures. As to complainant’s assertion that the judges have failed to upload those reports to the public website, Financial Disclosure Office personnel have advised me that their office is backlogged with respect to processing judges’ financial disclosure reports, responding to requests for copies of reports, and posting reports on the public website, and that the lack

of public availability of any given report is not evidence that the report was not submitted.

Because complainant has not submitted evidence showing that the subject judges failed to submit their financial disclosure reports, and because a limited inquiry demonstrates otherwise, the complaint is subject to dismissal under 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii) and Rule 11(c)(1)(D) as “lacking sufficient evidence to raise an inference that misconduct has occurred.”

An order dismissing the complaint is entered simultaneously herewith.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Priscilla Richman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Priscilla Richman  
Chief United States Circuit Judge

May 20, 2024

**FILED**

July 15, 2024

Lyle W. Cayce  
Clerk

# Before the Judicial Council of the Fifth Circuit

---

Complaint Numbers: 05-24-90064 and 05-24-90065

Petition for Review by [REDACTED]  
Regarding Complaint of Misconduct and/or Disability Against  
[REDACTED]  
and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Under the Judicial Improvements Act of 2002, 28 U.S.C. §§ 351-364.

---

## ORDER

An Appellate Review Panel of the Judicial Council for the Fifth Circuit has reviewed the above-captioned petition for review, and all the members of the Panel have voted to affirm the order of Chief Judge Priscilla Richman, filed May 20, 2024, dismissing the Complaint of [REDACTED] against [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] under the Judicial Improvements Act of 2002.

The Order is therefore **AFFIRMED**.

*July 12, 2024*  
Date

*Jennifer W. Elrod*  
Jennifer W. Elrod  
United States Circuit Judge  
For the Judicial Council of the Fifth Circuit