Judicial Council for the Fifth Circuit

Complaint Number: 05-25-90006

M E M O R A N D U M

Complainant, a state pretrial detainee and pro se litigant, has filed a complaint alleging misconduct by the subject United States District Judge in two civil proceedings.

Complainant alleges that the judge "(may) have spoken to [Defendant] Joe Biden personally or a median [sic] person" and "(may) be engaging in gross political protectionism." He further complains that the judge's adverse rulings constituted discrimination against him for his mental illness and have caused him mental anguish. Without providing any information in support of the claim, Complainant also asserts that the judge "failed to comply w/a 5th Circuit order to turn over documents before the funds in question could be used to bolster democrat's [sic] political efforts up to the election."

To the extent that the complaint relates directly to the merits of decisions or procedural rulings, it is subject to dismissal under 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii). In other respects, the allegations of ex parte communication and improper motive are wholly unsupported and are therefore subject to dismissal under 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii) as "lacking sufficient evidence to raise an inference that misconduct has occurred."

Judicial misconduct proceedings are not a substitute for the normal appellate review process, nor may they be used to obtain reversal of a decision or a new trial.

An order dismissing the complaint is entered simultaneously herewith.

Jennifer W. Elrod

Chief United States Circuit Judge

Moumber 19, 2024