

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

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JCP No. 08-21-90051

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In re Complaint of John Doe<sup>1</sup>

This is a judicial complaint filed by a civil litigant (“complainant”) against a United States district judge presiding over several of the complainant’s civil lawsuits.

In the judicial complaint, the complainant speculates that the district judge “conversed with other parties in [the other] multiple lawsuits [the complainant] had filed because [the complainant] was being harassed severely . . . by the defendants in most of th[o]se cases.” The complainant “suggest[s] that the conversations with other parties to the lawsuits . . . result[ed] in them being dismissed as frivolous.” According to the complainant, the district judge “might have not been impartial [sic]” and “[a]llowed [the judge’s] political affiliation or other beliefs at the time to affect [the judge’s] decision making.” The complainant “feel[s] as though [the district judge] [has been] a witness to the harassment and other activities of the defendants making [the judge] unqualified to serve . . . on the cases.” The complainant also “believe[s] [the judge] had been on television locally about the cases.”

The complainant’s allegations are purely speculative. Therefore, they are dismissed as “lacking sufficient evidence to raise an inference that misconduct has occurred.” 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii); *accord* Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-

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<sup>1</sup>Under Rule 4(f)(1) of the Rules Governing Complaints of Judicial Misconduct and Disability of the Eighth Circuit, the names of the complainant and the judicial officer complained against are to remain confidential, except in special circumstances not here present.

Disability Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States (J.C.U.S.) Rule 11(c)(1)(D).

Accordingly, the judicial complaint is dismissed.

*May 9,* \_\_\_\_\_, 2022



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Lavenski R. Smith, Chief Judge  
United States Court of Appeals  
for the Eighth Circuit