

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

JCP No. 08-22-90102

JCP No. 08-22-90103

JCP No. 08-22-90104

In re Complaint of John Doe¹

These are consolidated judicial complaints filed by an inmate (“complainant”) against three United States circuit judges. The judicial complaints allege that the three circuit judges “abused their discretion” in denying the complainant’s motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis and motion for an order to pay the filing fee out of a stimulus check and assessing the full \$505.00 appellate filing fee and docketing fees against the complainant.

The judicial complaints challenge the judgment of the circuit judges and therefore must be dismissed as “directly related to the merits of a decision or procedural ruling.” 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii); *accord* Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States Rules 4(b)(1), 11(c)(1)(B).

¹Under 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.

Accordingly, the judicial complaint is dismissed.

June 27, 2023



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