

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

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JCP No. 08-23-90097

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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 the United States district judge who denied the complainant’s motions to proceed *in forma pauperis* (IFP) in the complainant’s civil actions.

The judicial complaint alleges that the district judge “show[ed] no mercy at all on the unrepresented [complainant] . . . when ordering [the complainant] to pay court filing fees when [the complainant] hasn’t worked in the last three months and submitted a formal request to proceed IFP . . . to the court.”


The judicial complaint challenges the district judge’s orders denying the complainant’s motions to proceed IFP in the civil cases 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 (J.C.U.S.) Rules 4(b)(1), 11(c)(1)(B).

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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.

Accordingly, the judicial complaint is dismissed. *See* J.C.U.S. Rule 11(c)(1)(A).

September 18, 2023



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