

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

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JCP No. 08-24-90020

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In re Complaint of John Doe\*

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This is a judicial misconduct complaint by a pro se civil plaintiff against the district judge who dismissed her civil complaint as frivolous.

The complainant alleges that the judge “denied [her] complaint saying [it] was a frivolous lawsuit when it wasn’t frivolous against [the defendant] and she wants to open a case on [the defendant] for employment discrimination and . . . file an appeal.”

The judicial complaint must be dismissed as “directly related to the merits of a decision or procedural ruling” because the complaint simply challenges the judge’s decision to dismiss her lawsuit. 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii); *see* Rule 4(b)(1) (cognizable misconduct does not include “an allegation that calls into question the correctness of a judge’s ruling”).

For this reason, the judicial complaint is dismissed.

/s/ Steven M. Colloton  
Chief Judge

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\*Under Rule 24(a) of the Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings, the names of the complainant and the subject judge are not disclosed. Citations or references herein to a “Rule” refer to these Rules.