

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

JCP No. 08-24-90106

In re Complaint of John Doe*

This is a judicial misconduct complaint by an inmate against the district judge who presided over the inmate's bench trial, sentencing, and action for postconviction relief.

On the judicial complaint form, the complainant indicates that his complaint concerns the behavior of the judge in a particular lawsuit. The complainant specifies a case number for his appeal of the dismissal of his civil rights action brought in Texas. Because the subject judge was not on the panel of appellate judges who decided the case specified on the complaint form, the complaint is dismissed as frivolous. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii); Rule 11(c)(1)(C). The complaint mentions that the district judge engaged in misconduct "while sitting on a court by designation," but the district judge was not sitting on the panel by designation in that case.

Insofar as the complainant's 65-page filing otherwise mentions the judge, the complaint does not "contain a concise statement that details the specific facts on which the claim of misconduct or disability is based," as required by Rule 6(b). The complaint is thus "based on allegations lacking sufficient evidence to raise an inference that misconduct has occurred or that a disability exists." Rule 11(c)(1)(D).

*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.

For these reasons, the judicial complaint is dismissed.

/s/ Steven M. Colloton
Chief Judge

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