

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

JCP No. 08-25-90066

In re Complaint of John Doe*

This is a complaint of judicial misconduct by an inmate against a magistrate judge.

The complaint states that it is based on an attached letter that the complainant sent to the judge in 2022 about the alleged misconduct of attorneys and another judge. The complaint alleges that the subject judge knew that the other judge “had violated the Code of Judicial Conduct because she was provided with a copy of . . . illegal ex parte email communications.” The complaint alleges that the subject judge committed misconduct by failing to investigate the other judge.

The complainant’s filing of a judicial complaint against the other judge is the proper way to allege misconduct by the other judge. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 351(a). The subject judge did not engage in misconduct by failing to investigate the other judge’s alleged misconduct. The allegations of misconduct by the subject judge are thus “lacking sufficient evidence to raise an inference that misconduct has occurred.” 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii); Rule 11(c)(1)(D).

For these reasons, the judicial complaint is dismissed.

*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.

/s/ Steven M. Colloton
Chief Judge

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