

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

JCP No. 08-24-90003

In re Complaint of John Doe¹

This is a judicial complaint filed by a civil litigant (“complainant”) against the United States district judge who denied the complainant’s motions to appoint counsel. The judicial complaint alleges that district judge violated the complainant’s constitutional rights by denying the complainant’s motions to appoint counsel.

The judicial complaint challenges the district judge’s orders denying the complainant’s motions to appoint counsel and 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). Accordingly, the judicial complaint is dismissed.

Feb 12, 2024



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

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.