# FOR THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

11-21-90150

FILED ELEVENTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL COUNCIL MAY 2 5 2022

**CIRCUIT EXECUTIVE** 

IN RE: COMPLAINT OF JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT OR DISABILITY

ON PETITION FOR REVIEW

Before: JILL PRYOR, NEWSOM, and GRANT, Circuit Judges; HALL and MARKS, Chief District Judges.

Pursuant to 11th Cir. JCDR 18.3, this Judicial Council Review Panel has considered petitioner's complaint filed on December 6, 2021, the order of Acting Chief United States Circuit Judge Adalberto Jordan filed on January 31, 2022, and the petition for review filed by petitioner on February 28, 2022. No judge on this panel has requested that this matter be placed on the agenda of a meeting of the Judicial Council.

The Judicial Council Review Panel hereby AFFIRMS the disposition of this matter by Acting Chief Judge Jordan. The petition for review is DENIED.

FOR THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL:

United States Circuit Judge

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11-21-90151

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FOR THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL:

Inited States Circuit Judge

# FOR THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

11-21-90152

FILED ELEVENTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL COUNCIL MAY 2 5 2022

CIRCUIT EXECUTIVE

IN RE: COMPLAINT OF JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT OR DISABILITY

ON PETITION FOR REVIEW

Before: JILL PRYOR, NEWSOM, and GRANT, Circuit Judges; HALL and MARKS, Chief District Judges.

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FOR THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL:

United States Circuit Judge

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11-21-90153

IN RE: COMPLAINT OF JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT OR DISABILITY

ON PETITION FOR REVIEW

Before: JILL PRYOR, NEWSOM, and GRANT, Circuit Judges; HALL and MARKS, Chief District Judges.

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The Judicial Council Review Panel hereby AFFIRMS the disposition of this matter by Acting Chief Judge Jordan. The petition for review is DENIED.

FOR THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL:

### FOR THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

JUDICIAL COUNCIL MAY 2 5 2022

FILED ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

CIRCUIT EXECUTIVE

11-21-90154

IN RE: COMPLAINT OF JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT OR DISABILITY

ON PETITION FOR REVIEW

Before: JILL PRYOR, NEWSOM, and GRANT, Circuit Judges; HALL and MARKS, Chief District Judges.

Pursuant to 11th Cir. JCDR 18.3, this Judicial Council Review Panel has considered petitioner's complaint filed on December 6, 2021, the order of Acting Chief United States Circuit Judge Adalberto Jordan filed on January 31, 2022, and the petition for review filed by petitioner on February 28, 2022. No judge on this panel has requested that this matter be placed on the agenda of a meeting of the Judicial Council.

The Judicial Council Review Panel hereby AFFIRMS the disposition of this matter by Acting Chief Judge Jordan. The petition for review is DENIED.

FOR THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL:

# FILED U.S. COURT OF APPEALS ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

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## Before the Acting Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit

Judicial Complaint Nos. 11-21-90150 through 11-21-90154 IN THE MATTER OF A COMPLAINT FILED BY: IN RE: The Complaint of \_\_\_\_\_ against United States Circuit Judges \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ of the United States Court of Appeals for the \_\_\_\_\_ Circuit, United States District Judge \_\_\_\_\_ of the United States District Court for the \_\_\_\_\_\_ District of \_\_\_\_\_\_, and United States District Judge \_\_\_\_\_ of the United States District Court for the \_\_\_\_\_ District of \_\_\_\_\_, under the Judicial Conduct and Disability Act of 1980, 28 U.S.C. §§ 351-364. **ORDER** ("Complainant") has filed this Complaint against United States Circuit Judges \_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_,

and United States District Judges \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ (collectively, "the Subject Judges"), under the Act, 28 U.S.C. § 351(a), and the Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States ("Judicial-Conduct Rules").

### Background

The record shows that in July 2020 Complainant filed a Complaint of Judicial Misconduct or Disability against a circuit judge who is not one of the Subject Judges, No. \_\_\_\_\_\_. In September 2021 a circuit judge who is not one of the Subject Judges dismissed the complaint as merits-related and based on allegations lacking sufficient evidence. Complainant filed a petition for review, and in November 2021 the Judicial Council Review Panel composed of the Subject Judges affirmed the dismissal of the complaint and denied the petition for review. The complaint matter is closed.

### Complaint

Complainant takes issue with the Subject Judges' order affirming the dismissal of Judicial Complaint No. \_\_\_\_\_\_. He alleges the Subject Judges (1) were provided with proof of judicial misconduct and were involved in "ongoing illicit criminal misconduct"; (2) were "unqualified, unprofessional, irresponsible, rude, and disrespectful"; (3) conspired to violate the Code of Conduct for United States Judges and the American Bar Association Rules of Professional Conduct; and (4) engaged in "gross negligence, egregious criminal misconduct, conduct unbecoming, dereliction of

duty, and a litany of civil and human rights abuses." He also takes issue with the actions of individuals other than the Subject Judges.

#### Discussion

Judicial-Conduct Rule 4(b)(1) provides in part that "[c]ognizable misconduct does not include an allegation that calls into question the correctness of a judge's ruling, including a failure to recuse." The Commentary on Rule 4 explains the rationale for this rule as follows:

Rule 4(b)(1)tracks the Act. 28 U.S.C. 352(b)(1)(A)(ii), in excluding from the definition of misconduct allegations "[d]irectly related to the merits of a decision or procedural ruling." This exclusion preserves the independence of judges in the exercise of judicial authority by ensuring that the complaint procedure is not used to collaterally call into question the substance of a judge's decision or procedural ruling. Any allegation that calls into question the correctness of an official decision or procedural ruling of a judge — without more — is merits-related.

In addition, the "Commentary on Rule 4" provides:

The phrase "decision or procedural ruling" is not limited to rulings issued in deciding Article III cases or controversies. Thus, a complaint challenging the correctness of a chief judge's determination to dismiss a prior misconduct complaint would be properly dismissed as merits-related — in other words, as challenging the substance of the judge's administrative

determination to dismiss the complaint — even though it does not concern the judge's rulings in Article III litigation.

To the extent Complainant's allegations concern the substance of the Subject Judges' order affirming the dismissal of Complaint No. \_\_\_\_\_\_, the allegations are directly related to the merits of the Subject Judges' decisions or procedural rulings. Apart from the decisions or procedural rulings that Complainant challenges, he provides no credible facts or evidence in support of his claims that the Subject Judges were involved in criminal conduct, treated him in a demonstrably egregious and hostile manner, were part of a conspiracy, or otherwise engaged in misconduct.

The allegations of this Complaint are "directly related to the merits of a decision or procedural ruling," under Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(c)(1)(B), and the Complaint "is based on allegations lacking sufficient evidence to raise an inference that misconduct has occurred or that a disability exists," under Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(c)(1)(D). For those reasons, this Complaint is **DISMISSED**.

/s/ Adalberto Jordan
Acting Chief Judge