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David J. Smith  
Clerk

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Before the Chief Judge of the  
Eleventh Judicial Circuit

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Judicial Complaint No. 11-23-90153

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**ORDER**

An individual has filed a Complaint against a United States district judge under the Judicial Conduct and Disability Act of 1980, 28 U.S.C. §§ 351–364, and the Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States.

**Background**

The record shows that a federal grand jury issued an indictment charging two defendants with multiple crimes, and a superseding indictment was later issued adding another defendant. The Subject Judge was assigned to the case and issued various orders. The case remains pending.

**Complaint**

Complainant states the Subject Judge's participation in the above-described case has caused an appearance of impartiality

because the Subject Judge previously “issued novel orders that had an effect to delay and stop a criminal investigation of her benefactor” who is a defendant in the case, “is perceived of slow walking decisions,” is a member of a professional society that owes a “debt of gratitude” to the defendant that may make her inclined to rule in his favor, was appointed by the defendant who “requires people to take an oath of loyalty to him,” “may become partial to the government[’s] case” because of a previous “rebuke from the appellate court,” and may fear receiving threats from the defendant’s supporters.

### **Discussion**

The Complaint fails to present a basis for a finding of misconduct. Complainant’s claims are based on allegations lacking sufficient evidence to raise an inference that the Subject Judge engaged in misconduct. Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(c)(1)(D). For that reason, this Complaint is **DISMISSED**.

/s/ William H. Pryor Jr.  
Chief Judge