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## CONFIDENTIAL

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# Before the Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit

# Judicial Complaint No. 11-21-90149 IN THE MATTER OF A COMPLAINT FILED BY:

IN RE: The Complaint of \_\_\_\_\_\_ against 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 District Judge ("the Subject Judge"), 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"). The Subject Judge passed away in \_\_\_\_\_.

### Complaint

Complainant states that in November 2020 an individual filed documents at the district court and the documents then "vanished." He asserts the Subject Judge engaged in misconduct by failing to take action and failing to order an investigation into the location of the documents. He states he cannot provide information about the case because the files vanished. He attached documents to his Complaint.

### Discussion

Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(e) provides "The chief judge may conclude a complaint proceeding in whole or in part upon determining that intervening events render some or all of the allegations moot or make remedial action impossible as to the subject judge." The "Commentary on Rule 11" states in part "Rule 11(e) implements Section 352(b)(2) of the Act, which permits the chief judge to 'conclude the proceeding,' if 'action on the complaint is no longer necessary because of intervening events,' such as a resignation from judicial office."

In the light of the Subject Judge's death, "intervening events render some or all of the allegations moot or make remedial action impossible," Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(e). For this reason, this Complaint proceeding is **CONCLUDED**. The conclusion of this proceeding in no way implies that there is any merit to Complainant's allegations against the Subject Judge.

/s/ William H. Pryor Jr. Chief Judge