## FOR THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

11-22-90170

## IN RE: COMPLAINT OF JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT OR DISABILITY

## ON PETITION FOR REVIEW

Before: WILSON, JORDAN, and ROSENBAUM, Circuit Judges; COOGLER and WALKER, Chief District Judges.

Pursuant to 11th Cir. JCDR 18.3, this Judicial Council Review Panel has considered petitioner's complaint filed on December 9, 2022, the order of Chief United States Circuit Judge William H. Pryor Jr. filed on January 9, 2023, and the petition for review filed by petitioner on January 27, 2023. 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 Chief Judge Pryor. The petition for review is DENIED.

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United States Circuit Judge

## FOR THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

11-22-90171

# IN RE: COMPLAINT OF JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT OR DISABILITY

## ON PETITION FOR REVIEW

Before: WILSON, JORDAN, and ROSENBAUM, Circuit Judges; COOGLER and WALKER, Chief District Judges.

Pursuant to 11th Cir. JCDR 18.3, this Judicial Council Review Panel has considered petitioner's complaint filed on December 9, 2022, the order of Chief United States Circuit Judge William H. Pryor Jr. filed on January 9, 2023, and the petition for review filed by petitioner on January 27, 2023. 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 Chief Judge Pryor. The petition for review is DENIED.

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**CIRCUIT EXECUTIVE** 

United States Circuit Judge

## FOR THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

11-22-90172

## IN RE: COMPLAINT OF JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT OR DISABILITY

#### **ON PETITION FOR REVIEW**

Before: WILSON, JORDAN, and ROSENBAUM, Circuit Judges; COOGLER and WALKER, Chief District Judges.

Pursuant to 11th Cir. JCDR 18.3, this Judicial Council Review Panel has considered petitioner's complaint filed on December 9, 2022, the order of Chief United States Circuit Judge William H. Pryor Jr. filed on January 9, 2023, and the petition for review filed by petitioner on January 27, 2023. 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 Chief Judge Pryor. The petition for review is DENIED.

FOR THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL:

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CIRCUIT EXECUTIVE

United States Circuit Judge

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## Before the Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit

Judicial Complaint Nos. 11-22-90170 through 11-22-90172

#### ORDER

An individual has filed a Complaint against three United States circuit judges 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 in June 2022 a district judge entered an order dismissing a case Complainant had initiated due to his failure to comply with a court order. Complainant then filed, among other things, a document titled "Judicial Jury Trial Demand," which was docketed as a notice of appeal. In November 2022, a panel of this Court composed of the Subject Judges issued an order dismissing the appeal for lack of jurisdiction, determining the construed notice of appeal was deficient because it did not designate a specific decision of the district court and provided no specific indication of an intent to seek appellate review.

### Complaint

Complainant asserts the Subject Judges exceeded their authority, committed treason, "gave aid and comfort to an enemy," committed perjury, acted with "hateful and spiteful intent," did nothing in the case for a certain time period, did not read the record, and caused a manifest injustice.

#### 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. δ 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.

The Complaint fails to present a basis for a finding of misconduct. To the extent Complainant's allegations concern the substance of the Subject Judges' official actions and order dismissing the appeal, the allegations are directly related to the merits of the Subject Judges' decisions or procedural rulings. Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(c)(1)(B). Complainant's remaining claims are based on allegations lacking sufficient evidence to raise an inference that the Subject Judges engaged in misconduct. Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(c)(1)(D). For these reasons, this Complaint is **DISMISSED**.

> /s/ William H. Pryor Jr. Chief Judge