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David J. Smith
Clerk

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Before the Chief Judge of the
Eleventh Judicial Circuit

Judicial Complaint No. 11-24-90236

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.

Complaint

Complainant alleges the Subject Judge violated the Code of Conduct for United States Judges by failing to timely file disclosure forms after attending a banquet and two legal colloquia over a three-year period and failing to make the forms publicly available on the court’s website. As to two of the matters, he states the disclosure forms were posted only after inquiries were made by journalists. Complainant states, “This pattern suggests a possible neglect of the mandatory disclosure obligations set forth for members of the judiciary,” and, “I am concerned that these alleged failures

to adhere to mandatory disclosure rules may adversely affect the perception of the judiciary's independence and integrity." He attached documents to his Complaint.

Discussion

Judicial-Conduct Rule 4(a)(1)(F) states that cognizable misconduct includes "violating rules or standards pertaining to restrictions on outside income or knowingly violating requirements for financial disclosure."

Complainant's claims are based on allegations lacking sufficient evidence to raise an inference that the Subject Judge knowingly violated requirements for financial disclosure, violated the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, or otherwise engaged in misconduct. Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(c)(1)(D). For that reason, this Complaint is **DISMISSED**.

/s/ William H. Pryor Jr.
Chief Judge