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David J. Smith
Clerk

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Before the Chief Judge of the
Eleventh Judicial Circuit

Judicial Complaint No. 11-25-90184

ORDER

An individual has filed a Complaint against a United States magistrate 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 establishes that Complainant filed a civil complaint against various defendants and multiple motions seeking various types of relief, including a motion to recuse the Subject Judge and other judges. A district judge entered an order denying the motion to recuse. The Subject Judge issued a report recommending that Complainant's motions be denied and that the case be dismissed. Over Complainant's objections, the district judge adopted the report and recommendation.

Complaint

Complainant contends that the Subject Judge failed to respond to a motion to recuse, had a conflict of interest, gave misleading information to court clerks, compared Complainant's case to a previous case, denied all her motions, and obstructed justice.

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.

The Complaint fails to present a basis for a finding of misconduct. To the extent Complainant’s allegations concern the substance of the Subject Judge’s official actions, findings, rulings, orders, reports, and recommendations in Complainant’s cases, the allegations are directly related to the merits of the Subject Judge’s

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 Judge acted with an illicit or improper motive, had a conflict of interest, or otherwise engaged in misconduct. Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(c)(1)(D). For these reasons, this Complaint is **DISMISSED**.

/s/ William H. Pryor Jr.
Chief Judge