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David J. Smith
Clerk

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Before the Chief Judge of the
Eleventh Judicial Circuit

Judicial Complaint No. 11-25-90258

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 establishes that Complainant filed a civil complaint and an amended complaint against multiple defendants concerning the termination of her parental rights and the adoption of her minor child by his foster parents. She also filed a motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*, a motion for the appointment of counsel, and a motion for an evidentiary hearing. The Subject Judge entered an order deferring a ruling on the *in forma pauperis* motion, denying the motions to appoint counsel and for an evidentiary hearing, and directing Complainant to file an amended complaint by a certain

date. After that date, the Subject Judge dismissed the case due to Complainant's failure to file an amended complaint.

The record also establishes that Complainant filed another civil complaint arguing in part that a state's adoption code was unconstitutional. She also filed a motion to appoint counsel and for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The Subject Judge entered an order deferring a ruling on the *in forma pauperis* motion, denying the motion to appoint counsel, and directing Complainant to file an amended complaint by a certain date. After the deadline, the Subject Judge dismissed the case due to Complainant's failure to file an amended complaint.

Complaint

Complainant alleges that the Subject Judge acted with an improper motive, was biased, failed to uphold litigants' rights, denied litigants equal access to the court, failed to liberally construe *pro se* pleadings, abused the judicial process, obstructed justice, conspired with others to "violate civil and human rights," used the "Justice System ... as a weapon," acted to conceal misconduct and crimes, committed fraud upon the court, was "guilty of serial child and abuse/neglect," acted in furtherance of a "Adoption Fraud Scheme," made "objections and arguments for Defendants," and violated the Code of Conduct for United States Judges. Complainant also contends that the Subject Judge ignored exceptions to the *Rooker-Feldman* doctrine, she states there may be a conflict of interest in the district court, and she appears to complain about delay in

one of the cases. She also takes issue with the actions of other individuals and entities.

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.

Furthermore, Judicial-Conduct Rule 4(b)(2) provides that cognizable misconduct does not include “an allegation about delay in rendering a decision or ruling, unless the allegation concerns an improper motive in delaying a particular decision or habitual delay in a significant number of unrelated cases.” The “Commentary on Rule 4” states that “a complaint of delay in a single case is excluded as 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, and orders in the above-described 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, was biased or otherwise not impartial, was part of a conspiracy, obstructed justice, committed fraud upon the court, had a conflict of interest, violated the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, 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