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David J. Smith  
Clerk

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Before the Chief Judge of the  
Eleventh Judicial Circuit

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Judicial Complaint No. 11-25-90292

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**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 against one defendant, a motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*, and a motion for a hearing. A magistrate judge entered an order granting the *in forma pauperis* motion, denying the motion for a hearing, and granting a construed motion to amend the complaint. Complainant then filed an amended complaint. The Subject Judge has not issued any orders in the case.

## **Complaint**

Complainant alleges the Subject Judge violated his due-process rights, altered his complaint without providing notice, was prejudiced against him, and had a conflict of interest. Complainant also states, “The court system has been doing this to me because the [sic] know I got the evidence to prove my claims ....”

## **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 or the magistrate judge’s official actions, findings, rulings, and orders in the above-described case, the

allegations are directly related to the merits of the judges' decisions or procedural rulings. Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(c)(1)(B). Complainant's claims are based on allegations lacking sufficient evidence to raise an inference that the Subject Judge altered his complaint, was prejudiced, had a conflict of interest, or otherwise engaged in misconduct. Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(c)(1)(D). For those reasons, this Complaint is **DISMISSED**.

/s/ William H. Pryor Jr.  
Chief Judge