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Lyle W. Cayce  
Clerk

# Judicial Council for the Fifth Circuit

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Complaint Number: 05-26-90017

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IN RE COMPLAINT OF JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT  
UNDER THE JUDICIAL IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2002.

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## ORDER

Complainant, a pro se litigant, has filed a complaint alleging misconduct by a United States Magistrate Judge in a civil proceeding.

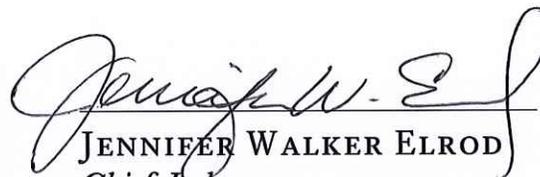
Complainant complains that the magistrate judge denied his motion to recuse in violation of Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Canons 2(A) and 3(B)(2) of the Texas Code of Judicial Conduct,<sup>1</sup> and “the integrity of the Judicia[ry].” Complainant requests a reversal of the magistrate judge’s decision.

The complaint relates directly to the merits of decisions or procedural rulings and is therefore subject to dismissal under 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii). The complaint procedures in 28 U.S.C. §§ 351-364 are not a substitute for the normal appellate review process and may not be used to obtain reversal of a decision or a new trial.

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<sup>1</sup> The corresponding Canons in the Code of Conduct for United States Judges are: Canon 2A which provides that “[a] judge should respect and comply with the law and should act all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary”; and Canon 3(A)(1) which provides that “[a] judge should be faithful to, and maintain professional competence in, the law and should not be swayed by partisan interest, public clamor, or fear of criticism.” *See* Guide to Judiciary Policy, Vol. 2A. Ch. 2.

The complaint is DISMISSED. An unredacted private order is entered simultaneously herewith.

  
JENNIFER WALKER ELROD  
*Chief Judge*

