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November 3, 2025

Lyle W. Cayce
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Judicial Council for the Fifth Circuit

Complaint Number: 05-26-90018

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

ORDER

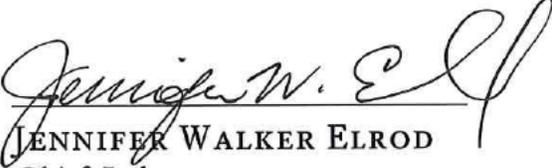
Complainant, a criminal defendant, has filed a complaint alleging misconduct by a United States District Judge in Complainant's criminal proceeding.

Complainant alleges that the judge: did not conduct a de novo review of the magistrate judge's report recommending denial of Complainant's motion to suppress; did not follow Fifth Circuit precedent; relied upon a mistake of law in adopting the magistrate judge's report and recommendation; is biased in favor of the government as evidenced by his decisions and rulings; and engaged in "court-shopping to deny my suppression [motion]." It is not clear what Complainant means by "court-shopping," but it appears he may be challenging the caselaw on which the judge relied in issuing decisions and rulings.

These allegations relate directly to the merits of decisions or procedural rulings and are 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.

The conclusory allegation of bias is subject to dismissal under 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii) as “lacking sufficient evidence to raise an inference that misconduct has occurred.”

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


JENNIFER WALKER ELROD
Chief Judge

Judicial Council
for the Fifth Circuit

United States Court of Appeals
Fifth Circuit

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February 19, 2026

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IN RE COMPLAINT OF [REDACTED] AGAINST
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An Appellate Review Panel of the Judicial Council for the Fifth Circuit has reviewed the above-captioned petition for review, and all the members of the Panel have voted to affirm the order of Chief Judge Jennifer Walker Elrod, filed November 3, 2025, dismissing the Complaint of [REDACTED] against [REDACTED] under the Judicial Improvements Act of 2002.

The order is therefore AFFIRMED.



Catharina Haynes
United States Circuit Judge
For the Judicial Council of the Fifth Circuit