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Lyle W. Cayce  
Clerk

# Judicial Council for the Fifth Circuit

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Complaint Number: 05-26-90060

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

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## ORDER

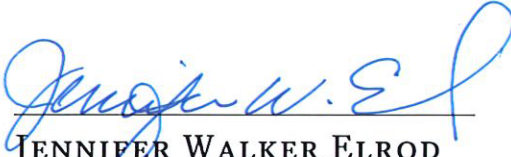
Complainant, a pro se litigant, has filed a complaint alleging misconduct by a United States Magistrate Judge in a civil proceeding.

Complainant complains that the magistrate judge denied her motions for appointment of counsel and “ignored ... all but one” of her requests for reasonable accommodations. Complainant further complains that the magistrate judge provided “an unreasonable amount of time to prepare” and comply with filing deadlines for a telephonic hearing, and Complainant had to cancel “an important doctor’s appointment ... due to the deadline to file my answer as it was very short notice.” Complainant submits that the magistrate judge’s erroneous and biased decisions deprived her of “an equal opportunity to participate in the court proceedings.”

To the extent that the allegations relate directly to the merits of decisions or procedural rulings, they are subject to dismissal under 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii). The complaint procedures in 28 U.S.C. §§ 351-364 may not be used to challenge the correctness of a judge’s ruling or decision. *See* Rule 4(b)(1) of the Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings.

In addition, adverse rulings alone do not constitute evidence of bias. *See Liteky v. United States*, 510 U.S. 540, 555 (1994). The assertion of bias is therefore 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*

