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Clerk

# Judicial Council for the Fifth Circuit

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Complaint Numbers: 05-26-90067 and 05-26-90068

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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 District Judge and a United States Magistrate Judge in Complainant's civil proceeding challenging the denial of Social Security Income benefits.


Complainant complains that by denying her motion for sanctions against the defendant and by not ruling on her motion for a default judgment, the district judge and the magistrate judge "show[ed] judicial bias," "favoritism to the defendant," "closed mindedness and prejudice toward [me]," and "violate[d] [my] 5th and 14th Amendment rights [to due process]."

To the extent that these 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.

The allegations of bias and prejudice are 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.” Adverse rulings alone do not constitute evidence of bias. *See Liteky v. United States*, 510 U.S. 540, 555 (1994).

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



JENNIFER WALKER ELROD  
*Chief Judge*

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IN RE COMPLAINT OF [REDACTED] AGAINST  
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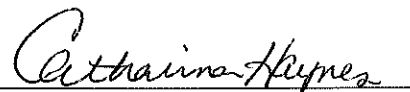
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ORDER

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 January 29, 2026, dismissing the Complaint of [REDACTED] against [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] District of [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*