

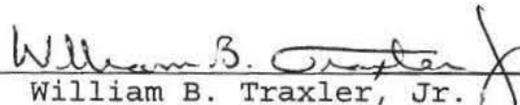


The Judicial Conduct and Disability Act permits review of judicial conduct, not judicial decisions. Claims that are "[d]irectly related to the merits of a decision or procedural ruling" are barred from review under the Act. 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii). Although the judicial complaint procedures permit review of claims of code of conduct violations, special treatment of friends, ex parte contact with opposing counsel, or hostile and egregious treatment of litigants, such allegations must be supported by "sufficient evidence to raise an inference that misconduct has occurred." 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii).

Complainant presents no basis for inferring that favoritism towards, or conspiracy with, judicial family and friends influenced the judge's decisions, and the record provides no basis for such an inference. Complainant's disagreements with the judges' rulings is not direct evidence of discriminatory pattern and practice or other misconduct.

Accordingly, this complaint must be dismissed as a merits-related challenge to the judges' rulings and as lacking in factual support. 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii) & (iii).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

  
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William B. Traxler, Jr.  
Chief Judge