

Judicial Council of the Fourth Circuit

**COMPLAINT OF JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT OR DISABILITY**

To begin the complaint process, complete this form and prepare the brief statement of facts described in item 4 (below). The Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings (Judicial-Conduct Rules), adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States, and the Fourth Circuit Local Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings (4th Cir. JC&D Rules) contain information on what to include in a complaint (Rule 6), where to file a complaint (Rule 7), and other important matters. The Rules are available in the Fourth Circuit Clerk’s Office and at <https://www.ca4.uscourts.gov/rules-and-procedures/judicial-conduct-disability>.

Your complaint (this form and the statement of facts) should be typewritten and must be legible. If filing by email, your complaint and any attachments must be in PDF format. Please email to [4CCA-JudicialComplaints@ca4.uscourts.gov](mailto:4CCA-JudicialComplaints@ca4.uscourts.gov). In the alternative, you can mail your complaint to Clerk, United States Court of Appeals, 1100 East Main Street, Suite 501, Richmond, VA 23219-3517. **Do not put the name of any judge on the envelope.** Only the original is required to be filed if mailed.

1. Name of Complainant: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime telephone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name(s) of Judge(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Court: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Does this complaint concern the behavior of the judge(s) in a particular lawsuit or lawsuits?

[ ] Yes [ ] No

If “yes,” give the following information about each lawsuit:

Court: \_\_\_\_\_

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Docket number of any appeals to the Fourth Circuit: \_\_\_\_\_

Are (were) you a party or lawyer in the lawsuit?

Party                       Lawyer                       Neither

If you are (were) a party and have (had) a lawyer, give the lawyer's name, address, and telephone number:

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4. **Brief Statement of Facts.** Attach a brief statement, not exceeding five pages, of the specific facts on which the claim of judicial misconduct or disability is based. Include what happened, when and where it happened, and any information that would help an investigator check the facts. If the complaint alleges judicial disability, also include any additional facts that form the basis of that allegation. Please see Judicial-Conduct R. 6 and 4th Cir. JC&D R. 6 for further requirements.

5. **Declaration and signature:**

I declare under penalty of perjury that the statements made in this complaint are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_  
(A handwritten signature is required pursuant to 4th Cir. JC&D R. 6(d)(2).)

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_