

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

JCP No. 08-14-90033

In re Complaint of Jane Doe¹

This is a judicial complaint filed on November 3, 2014, by a state inmate and pro se civil litigant against the United States district judge who presided over complainant's case. The sole basis for this judicial complaint is to protest the absence of the judge's handwritten signature on her various orders, each of which are electronically signed with the symbol "/s/" before the judge's printed name. Complainant asks,

How do I even know this judge has reviewed these documents? I don't know. Personally, I think this behavior is very unprofessional. I am greiving [sic] the fact that this judge couldn't take (5) five minutes out of her busy day to personally sign my paperwork. I am appalled at how impersonal this is. What happened to the system?

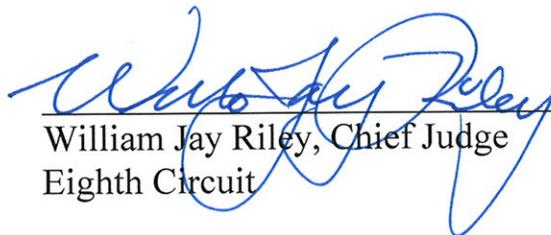
I must dismiss this complaint as alleging only "conduct that, even if true, is not prejudicial to the effective and expeditious administration of the business of the courts and does not indicate a mental or physical disability resulting in inability to discharge the duties of judicial office." Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States (J.C.U.S.) Rule 11(c)(1)(A); see also 28 U.S.C. §§ 351(a), 352(b)(1)(A)(i). In today's digital world, signing one's name electronically in this manner, rather than manually signing one's

¹Under Rule 4(f)(1) of the Rules Governing Complaints of Judicial Misconduct and Disability of the Eighth Circuit, the names of the complainant and the judge complained about are to remain confidential, except in special circumstances not present here.

name, has become common practice and is neither unprofessional nor “[c]ognizable misconduct” under the judicial complaint process. J.C.U.S. Rule 3(h)(1).

The complaint is dismissed.

December 10, 2014



William Jay Riley, Chief Judge
Eighth Circuit