

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

JCP No. 08-22-90001

In re Complaint of John Doe¹

This is a judicial complaint filed by an individual (“complainant”) against a United States circuit judge.

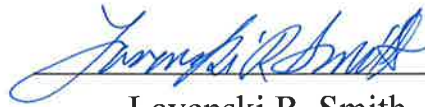
The judicial complaint alleges that the circuit judge and other judges “have made public statements to the media describing [a certain criminal case] as a ‘murder’ trial” and that such “statements are perjuries because there is no federal ‘murder’ statute.” The judicial complaint alleges that the circuit judge’s statements are “prejudicial,” “inflammatory,” “racist,” and “partisan.”

The judicial complaint does not set forth any specific statements that the circuit judge allegedly made. Nor has the complainant provided any evidence of the circuit judge’s statements, participation in the named criminal case, or other improper conduct. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii); *accord* Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States (J.C.U.S.) Rule 11(c)(1)(D).

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 judicial officer complained against are to remain confidential, except in special circumstances not here present.

Accordingly, the judicial complaint is dismissed.

5/24/22, 2022

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lavenski R. Smith", is written over a horizontal line.

Lavenski R. Smith, Chief Judge
United States Court of Appeals
for the Eighth Circuit