

THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT

219 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

November 29, 2006

FRANK H. EASTERBROOK
Chief Judge

No. 06-7-372-43

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDICIAL OFFICER

MEMORANDUM

Complainant is dissatisfied about the district judge's delay in ruling on a suit he filed in May 2006.

Although delay in judicial decision-making is unfortunate and undesirable, the substantial caseload assigned to federal judges makes it impossible for them to resolve all litigation with the dispatch that would characterize an ideal system. Many cases take much longer than six months to resolve. One initial step in a suit in which an imprisoned plaintiff seeks to proceed in forma pauperis is screening under 28 U.S.C. §1915A. Plaintiff's decision to name 14 defendants and present a variety of legal claims on one suit naturally increases the time required for initial review. Handling of this suit to date cannot be classified as a form of official misconduct; it does not imply that the judge is unwilling or unable to handle the litigation on his docket.

Accordingly, this complaint is dismissed because the acts in question do not demonstrate judicial misconduct.