

THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT
219 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

June 15, 2007

FRANK H. EASTERBROOK
Chief Judge

No. 07-7-352-23

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDICIAL OFFICER

MEMORANDUM

Complainant filed a civil action in district court. The judge has denied his motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*; the action remains pending (the time to pay the fee has not lapsed).

The complaint says: “I believe [that the judge] is trying to protect those in government who are named in my complaint. Therefore, I am accusing [the judge] of corruption.” An allegation of “corruption”—which usually means taking bribes—is most serious. But complainant offers no support for this accusation other than the fact that one motion was resolved against him. This means that the real target of the complaint is the adverse ruling. But any complaint that is “directly related to the merits of a decision or procedural ruling” must be dismissed. 28 U.S.C. §352(b)(1)(A)(ii). “Any allegation that calls into question the correctness of an official action of a judge ... is merits related.” Standard 2 for Assessing Compliance with the Act, *Implementation of the Judicial Conduct and Disability Act of 1980: A Report to the Chief Justice* 145 (2006). This complaint therefore is dismissed.