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July 23, 2026

Lyle W. Cayce
Clerk

Judicial Council for the Fifth Circuit

Complaint Numbers: 05-26-90162 through 05-26-90164

IN RE COMPLAINT OF JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT
UNDER THE JUDICIAL IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2002.

ORDER

Complainant, a *pro se* litigant and detainee, has filed a complaint alleging misconduct by two United States District Judges and a United States Magistrate Judge in a pending civil proceeding.

Complainant complains that in retaliation for his filing a prior judicial-conduct complaint against them, the judges “conspired” with district court clerk’s office personnel in the mishandling and/or delayed processing of his “Notice of Removal of Case From State to Federal [Court].” In support of this claim, Complainant recounts that in May 2026, he mailed a notice removing three state cases to federal court and enclosed a stamped, self-addressed envelope for a “stamped copy” of the notice to be returned to him. Having not received a response, Complainant’s family member contacted the district court clerk’s office on June 18, 2026, to inquire whether the notice of removal had been received and was told “that they’d found the removal notice.” On June 24, 2026, a family member again contacted clerk’s office personnel, asked “why [Complainant] hadn’t been released from custody in light of the facts,” and was informed “that the only document the court had related to [Case 1].”

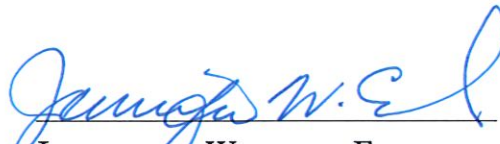
A review of the record in Case 1 reflects that the district court clerk’s office received the notice from Complainant on June 12, 2026, and it was

erroneously docketed in Case 1 on June 15, 2026. On June 23, 2026, the clerk's office noted the erroneous entry in Case 1 and filed the notice in the correct case, Case 2. On June 25, 2026, the magistrate judge denied removal of the state cases.

Complainant has provided no evidence that the clerk's office's handling of the notice of removal was anything more than an inadvertent error. The conclusory assertions of conspiracy and retaliation are therefore subject to dismissal under 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii) as "lacking sufficient evidence to raise an inference that misconduct has occurred."

This is Complainant's second non-meritorious complaint in two months against the same judges. Complainant is WARNED that should he file a further merits-related, conclusory, frivolous, or repetitive complaint, his right to file complaints may be suspended and, unless Complainant is able to show cause why he should not be barred from filing future complaints, the suspension will continue indefinitely. *See* Rule 10(a), Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings.

The complaint is DISMISSED. An unredacted private order is entered simultaneously herewith.


JENNIFER WALKER ELROD
Chief Judge

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August 26, 2026

Lyle W. Cayce
Clerk

Judicial Council for the Fifth Circuit

Complaint Numbers: 05-26-90162 through 05-26-90164

IN RE COMPLAINT OF [REDACTED] AGAINST [REDACTED]

UNDER THE JUDICIAL IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2002.

ORDER

An Appellate Review Panel of the Judicial Council for the Fifth Circuit has considered [REDACTED] petition for review of the order of Chief Judge Jennifer Walker Elrod, filed July 23, 2026, dismissing the above-captioned complaint against [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] under the Judicial Improvements Act of 2002.

All members of the panel have voted to affirm the order. Accordingly, the petition for review is DENIED.

Catharina Haynes

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United States Circuit Judge
For the Judicial Council of the Fifth Circuit