JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE TENTH CIRCUIT

IN RE: COMPLAINT UNDER THE JUDICIAL CONDUCT AND DISABILITY ACT

No. 10-15-90030

Before **TYMKOVICH**, Chief Judge

ORDER

Complainant has filed a complaint of judicial misconduct against a district judge in this circuit. My consideration of this complaint is governed by 1) the misconduct rules issued by the Judicial Conference of the United States, entitled *Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings* (the "JCD Rules"); and 2) the federal statute dealing with judicial misconduct, 28 U.S.C. § 351 *et seq*. To the extent that there are any relevant prior decisions of the full Judicial Council of this circuit which are consistent with those authorities, they may also govern my consideration of this complaint.

The JCD Rules and this circuit's local misconduct rules are available to complainants on the Tenth Circuit's web page at: http://www.ca10.uscourts.gov/ce/misconduct. Paper copies are also furnished by the Circuit Executive's Office upon request. In accordance with those rules, the names of the complainant and subject judge shall not be disclosed in this order. *See* JCD Rule 11(g)(2).

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Complainant alleges the subject judge engaged in misconduct while presiding over complainant's case. Specifically, complainant contends the subject judge compelled the clerks to backdate an order to prevent the complainant from filing a timely response. Complainant also alleges the subject judge engaged in docket tampering, is involved with the mafia, and received gifts from complainant's opposing party to cover up for that party's alleged conduct. Complainant also asserts, generally, that his case was delayed and that the people involved in his case engaged in ex parte communications.

While complainant's allegations can state valid claims for misconduct, *see* JCD Rule 3, complainant's claims fail because they are completely unsupported. The JCD Rules require complainants to support their allegations with "sufficient evidence to raise an inference that misconduct has occurred." *See* JCD Rule 11(c)(1)(D).

Accordingly, this complaint is dismissed pursuant to JCD Rule 11(c). The Circuit Executive is directed to transmit this order to complainant and copies to the subject judge and the Judicial Conference Committee on Judicial Conduct and Disability. *See* JCD Rule 11(g)(2). To seek review of this order, complainant must file a petition for review by the Judicial Council. The requirements for filing a petition for review are set out in JCD Rule 18(b). The petition must be filed with the Office of the Circuit Executive within 42 days after the date of the chief judge's order. *Id*.

So ordered this 8th day of November, 2015.

/s/ Timothy M. Tymkovich

Honorable Timothy M. Tymkovich Chief Circuit Judge