

Judicial Conduct and Disability

Codes of Conduct and related sources of authority provide standards of behavior for judges and others in the federal court family. The [Judicial Conduct and Disability Act](#) allows complaints alleging that a federal judge has engaged in "conduct prejudicial to the effective and expeditious administration of the business of the courts" or has become, by reason of a temporary or permanent condition, "unable to discharge the duties" of the judicial office.

Summary of Purpose for the Judicial Conduct and Disability Act of 1980

"Congress has created a procedure that permits any person to file a complaint in the courts about the behavior of federal judges—but not about the decisions federal judges make in deciding cases. [Above] is a link to the rules that explain what may be complained about, who may be complained about, where to file a complaint, and how the complaint will be processed. There is also a link to the form you must use.

Almost all complaints in recent years have been dismissed because they do not follow the law about such complaints. The law says that complaints about judges' decisions and complaints with no evidence to support them must be dismissed.

If you are a litigant in a case and believe the judge made a wrong decision—even a very wrong decision—you may not use this procedure to complain about the decision. An attorney can explain the rights you have as a litigant to seek review of a judicial decision."

THE JUDICIAL CONDUCT AND DISABILITY ACT STUDY COMMITTEE,
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
JUDICIAL CONDUCT AND DISABILITY ACT OF 1980, A REPORT TO THE
CHIEF JUSTICE 120-121
(2006).

- [Complaint Form](#)
- [Filing a Complaint of Judicial Misconduct or Judicial Disability Against a Federal Judge](#)
- [Rules for Judicial Conduct and Judicial Disability Proceedings](#) [updated May, 2016]
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