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**JUDICIAL COUNCIL
OF THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

**IN RE COMPLAINT OF
JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT**

No. 14-90094

ORDER

THOMAS, Chief Judge:

Complainant alleges that a magistrate judge improperly granted an extension of time for the defendant to answer his civil complaint. This allegation relates directly to the merits of the judge’s rulings and must therefore be dismissed. See 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii); In re Charge of Judicial Misconduct, 685 F.2d 1226, 1227 (9th Cir. Jud. Council 1982); Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(c)(1)(B).

Complainant further alleges that the judge granted this extension because the defendant was a “friend of the Court.” Adverse rulings are not proof of bias. See In re Complaint of Judicial Misconduct, 583 F.3d 598, 598 (9th Cir. 2009). In the absence of any other evidence of misconduct, this charge must be dismissed. See 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii); Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(c)(1)(D).

DISMISSED.