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**JUDICIAL COUNCIL
OF THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

**IN RE COMPLAINT OF
JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT**

No. 17-90020

ORDER

THOMAS, Chief Judge:

Complainants allege that a magistrate judge improperly prohibited their “authorized power of attorney” from making court appearances, and made various other improper rulings in the underlying civil case. These allegations relate directly to the merits of the judge’s rulings and must 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).

To the extent complainants raise allegations against the clerk of court or other court staff, these allegations are dismissed because this misconduct complaint procedure applies only to federal judges. See In re Complaint of Judicial Misconduct, 632 F.3d 1287, 1288 (9th Cir. Jud. Council 2011); Judicial-Conduct Rule 4.

DISMISSED.