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**JUDICIAL COUNCIL
OF THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

**IN RE COMPLAINT OF
JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT**

Nos. 17-90096, 17-90097
and 17-90098

ORDER

REINHARDT, Circuit Judge¹:

Complainants, pro se litigants, allege that an appellate panel improperly denied their appeal, improperly denied a petition for rehearing, and made various other improper rulings. These allegations relate directly to the merits of the judges' 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).

Complainants also allege that the panel discriminated against them and violated their human and civil rights. However, adverse rulings are not proof of bias or other misconduct, and complainants provide no evidence to support these vague and conclusory allegations, which are dismissed as unfounded. See 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii); In re Complaint of Judicial Misconduct, 583 F.3d 598

¹This complaint was assigned to Circuit Judge Stephen Reinhardt pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 351(c).

(9th Cir. Jud. Council 2009); In re Complaint of Judicial Misconduct, 569 F.3d 1093 (9th Cir. Jud. Council 2009) (“claimant’s vague insinuations do not provide the kind of objectively verifiable proof that we require”); Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(c)(1)(D).

To the extent complainants raise allegations against the clerk of court, such 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.