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MOLLY C. DWYER, CLERK U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

OF THE NINTH CIRCUIT

IN RE COMPLAINT OF

JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT

Nos. 16-90030, 16-90031 and 16-90032

ORDER

THOMAS, Chief Judge:

Complainant, an attorney, alleges that three circuit judges erroneously found that he had "grossly abused the judicial process" and improperly sanctioned him. These allegations relate directly to the merits of the judges' rulings and are therefore 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 judges defamed him and impugned his integrity and professionalism, thereby treating him in a "demonstrably egregious and hostile manner." Because complainant fails to provide sufficient evidence to raise an inference that misconduct has occurred, this allegation is dismissed. <u>See</u> 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii); Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(c)(1)(D).

DISMISSED.