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## JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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**OF THE NINTH CIRCUIT** 

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

IN RE COMPLAINT OF

No. 16-90111

JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT

**ORDER** 

**THOMAS**, Chief Judge:

Complainant, a pro se litigant, alleges that a district judge improperly dismissed his case and made various other "nonsensical rulings." 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).

Complainant also speculates that the judge had improper ex parte communications with the opposing party. Complainant offers no evidence in support of this allegation, which is dismissed as unfounded. See 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii); In re Complaint of Judicial Misconduct, 569 F.3d 1093 (9th Cir. Jud. Council 2009)("complainant's vague insinuations do not provide the kind of objectively verifiable proof that we require"); Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(c)(1)(D).

Complainant's request that the subject judge be fired or required to pay compensatory damages is denied, as such relief is unavailable in these misconduct proceedings. See 28 U.S.C. § 354(a)(2); Judicial–Conduct Rule 11(a).

## DISMISSED.