JUDICIAL COUNCIL

OF THE NINTH CIRCUIT

IN RE COMPLAINT OF

No. 17-90011

JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT

ORDER

THOMAS, Chief Judge:

Complainant alleges that a district judge incorrectly dismissed his civil case and allowed "fraud upon the court." Further, complainant claims that the judge improperly adopted a magistrate judge's recommendation to dismiss his habeas petition. These allegations relate directly to the merits of the judge's rulings and must be dismissed. <u>See</u> 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii); <u>In re Charge of Judicial</u> <u>Misconduct</u>, 685 F.2d 1226, 1227 (9th Cir. Jud. Council 1982); Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(c)(1)(B).

Complainant also alleges that the judge is biased against him, but offers no objectively verifiable evidence in support of this allegation, which is dismissed as unfounded. <u>See</u> 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii); <u>In re Complaint of Judicial</u> <u>Misconduct</u>, 583 F.3d 598 (9th Cir. Jud. Council 2009)(noting that "adverse rulings alone do not constitute proof of bias"); Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(c)(1)(D).

DISMISSED.

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