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OF THE NINTH CIRCUIT

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

IN RE COMPLAINT OF

JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT

Nos. 17-90081, 17-90082 and 17-90083

ORDER

THOMAS, Chief Judge:

Complainants, pro se litigants, allege that a district judge and two magistrate judges made various improper rulings in their underlying civil cases, including failing to recuse and denying their requests for in forma pauperis status and for reimbursement of a filing fee after one of the cases was dismissed. 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 Complaint of Judicial Misconduct, 647 F.3d 1181 (9th Cir. Jud. Council 2011) ("Allegations that a judge erred in failing to recuse are generally dismissed as merits-related"); In re Charge of Judicial Misconduct, 685 F.2d 1226, 1227 (9th Cir. Jud. Council 1982); Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(c)(1)(B).

Complainants further allege that one of the magistrate judges favored the defendants. However, adverse rulings are not proof of bias, and complainant provides no objectively verifiable evidence to support this allegation, which is dismissed as unfounded. See 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii); In re Complaint of

<u>Judicial Misconduct</u>, 583 F.3d 598 (9th Cir. Jud. Council 2009); Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(c)(1)(D).

Complainants also seem to claim that the record was altered in one or more cases, and that certain filings do not appear on the docket. Complainants provide no evidence to support these allegations, which are dismissed as unfounded. See 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii); Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(c)(1)(D).

DISMISSED.