

**JUDICIAL COUNCIL
OF THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

**IN RE COMPLAINT OF
JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT**

No. 18-90010
ORDER

THOMAS, Chief Judge:

Complainant alleges that a district judge violated his constitutional rights, improperly failed to issue orders “under the seal of the court,” and ignored that a magistrate judge’s order suffered the same alleged infirmity. A judge need not affix the seal of the court to an order, and further, an “allegation that calls into question the correctness of an official action of a judge . . . is merits related.” See Implementation of the Judicial Conduct and Disability Act of 1980: A Report to the Chief Justice 145 (2006). These charges relate directly to the merits of the judge’s rulings and are dismissed. See 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii); Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(c)(1)(B); In re Charge of Judicial Misconduct, 685 F.2d 1226, 1227 (9th Cir. Jud. Council 1982).

Complainant further alleges that the judge’s rulings demonstrate “obvious bias” and that the judge has a “mental disease or defect.” However, adverse rulings are not proof of bias or a disability, and complainant provides no

objectively verifiable evidence to support these 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 (9th Cir. Jud. Council 2009); Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(c)(1)(D).

DISMISSED.