JUDICIAL COUNCIL

OF THE NINTH CIRCUIT

IN RE COMPLAINT OF **JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT**	Nos. 25-90168, 25-90172, 25-90173, 25-90174, 25-90175, 25-90176, 25-90177, 25-90178, 25-90179, 25-90180, 25-90181, 25-90182, 25-90183, and 25-90184 **ORDER**

Before: **GRABER**, **CHRISTEN**, **NGUYEN**, **R. NELSON**, and **BADE**, Circuit Judges, **GEE**, **BASTIAN**, **BASHANT**, and **ESTUDILLO**, Chief District Judges, and **CHEN**, Senior District Judge

Complainant has filed five complaints under the Judicial Conduct and Disability Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 351-364, in which she names eight circuit judges and six district judges. The judges named in these complaints include the Chief Circuit Judge, and six of the current voting members of the Judicial Council. Complainant requests that these complaints be transferred to a different circuit.

Consideration of complainant's request requires a quorum of at least six voting members. *See* Order Governing the Judicial Council Section 8(a) ("Business may not be conducted without a quorum."). Rule 25(f) of the Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings ("Rules") authorizes "[m]embers of the judicial council who are named in the complaint [to] participate in this

determination if necessary to obtain a quorum of the council." Accordingly, the full voting membership of the Judicial Council will participate.

Rule 26 allows the Judicial Council to ask the Chief Justice to transfer a complaint in "exceptional circumstances," such as where there is a "serious complaint," or where "local disposition may weaken public confidence in the process." *See also* Commentary to Rule 26. This is not the case here. We determine that no "exceptional circumstances" exist that warrant transfer to another circuit.

We further determine, pursuant to Rule 25(f), that it is necessary, appropriate, and in the interest of sound judicial administration for judges named in these complaints, including the Chief Circuit Judge, to participate in resolving these complaints.