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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

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FIFTH CIRCUIT LYLE W. CAYCE, CLERK

Docket Number: 05-18-90097

## MEMORANDUM

Complainant, a state prisoner, complains that by granting the respondent's motions for extensions of time to file a response to his petition for a writ of habeas corpus before he had an opportunity to file objections to the motions, the subject United States District Judge violated his due process rights. He contends that the judge's "biased and corrupt" actions are evidence of a conspiracy with the respondent to "obstruct justice in this corrupt manner."

To the extent that these allegations relate directly to the merits of the judge's decisions, they are subject to dismissal under 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii). In other respects, the assertions of bias and conspiracy appear entirely derivative of the merits-related charges, but to the extent these allegations are separate, they are wholly unsupported, and are therefore subject to dismissal under 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii) as "lacking sufficient evidence to raise an inference that misconduct has occurred."

Judicial misconduct proceedings are not a substitute for the normal appellate review process, nor may they be used to obtain reversal of a decision or a new trial.

An order dismissing the complaint is entered simultaneously herewith.

Carl E. Stewart

Chief Judge

January/2, 2018