

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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Honorable Lavenski R. Smith
Chief Judge
United States Court of Appeals
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Re: Judicial Misconduct Complaint

Chief Judge Smith:

Thank you for your recent communication. I accept your conclusion that my published comments constitute "cognizable misconduct" when they veered into what could be construed as "inappropriate partisan statements."

I acknowledge the wrongfulness of the comments, and I regret the embarrassment they have caused to my court and the judiciary in general. I am truly sorry for the remarks and apologize for having made them. I also want to reaffirm my commitment to the impartial administration of justice in full compliance with the Code of Conduct for United States Judges.

Thank you



Robert W. Pratt