

in their civil action, Complainants now accuse the Judge<sup>1</sup> of mental incompetence and of participating in a conspiracy with the defendants named in the *pro se* civil lawsuit.

Disposition:

No evidence supports the charge of conspiracy, and the allegations of mental incapacity rest solely on judicial rulings with which Complainants vehemently disagree. The Act does not apply to matters "directly related to the merits of a decision or procedural ruling," 28 U.S.C. § 372(c)(3)(A)(ii), and may not be used to obtain relief available through normal adjudication. See Duckworth v. Department of Navy, 974 F.2d 1140, 1141 (9th Cir. 1992). The complaint is hereby dismissed in its entirety as frivolous and as directly related to the merits, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 372(c)(3)(A)(iii) and (ii) and Local Rules 4(c)(3) and (2).

The Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this order to Complainant and to the Judge.

  
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RALPH K. WINTER  
Chief Judge

Signed: New York, New York  
February 3, 1999

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<sup>1</sup> This District Court Judge is the fourth judicial officer of the District Court to be assigned to handle Complainants' protracted litigation.