

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

COMPLAINT OF JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT OR DISABILITY
UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 372(c)

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IN THE MATTER OF A COMPLAINT FILED BY:

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AGAINST:

FRANCIS M. HULL
NAME OF COMPLAINED-OF JUDGE

11TH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS
COURT

1. Does this complaint concern a particular lawsuit? Yes No

If yes, please provide the following information about the lawsuit.
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97-5587
DOCKET NUMBER OF APPEAL, IF ANY

What is (or was) your role in the lawsuit?

Party (including pro se) Attorney Juror Witness None of these

Please provide the name, address, and telephone number of your attorney in this lawsuit:

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I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read Rule 1 of the Rules of the Judicial Council of the Eleventh Circuit Governing Complaints of Judicial Misconduct and Disability, and that the statements made in this complaint are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.


SIGNATURE OF COMPLAINANT

8/7/00
DATE

**STATEMENT OF FACTS RELATING TO THE COMPLAINT OF JUDICIAL
CONDUCT OF JUDGE FRANCIS M. HULL MADE BY JOSEPH S. NORMAN II
UNDER Section 372 (c) title 28 U.S.C.**

COURSE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND FACTS OF THE CASE

This complaint is against Judge Francis M. Hull; the case number is 97-5587 –CV-EBD in the UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT. Joseph S. Norman II (Norman) was a named Plaintiff/Appellant in this case. Norman was one of hundreds of airline pilots who brought suit against the Airline Pilots Association (ALPA) and certain officials of the union regarding the publication and distribution of a defamatory list of “SCAB” airline pilots that worked for Eastern Airlines during the sympathy strike of 1989. Norman was never more than a pilot trainee during this job dispute and his name is on the “SCAB” list. Norman filed an appeal to the 11th Circuit from the Southern District of Florida pro se.

On October 25, 1999 the 11th Circuit ruled in favor of the Defendants. Judge Hull wrote the majority opinion and stated regarding all Appellants, apparently, except Norman.

“the Eastern MEC unanimously adopted a formal resolution to “publish a finalized list of strike breaking pilots at the conclusion of the ALPA sympathy strike” and “ to bring internal union charges under ALPA’s constitution Against ALPA members who crossed the picket lines. Individuals were placed on this list of working pilots only upon receipt of two confirmed reports that they had crossed ALPA picket lines, and after being provided with “an opportunity to refute the allegation” that they had crossed picket lines to fly for Eastern.”

and

“During the sympathy strike, ALPA had compiled a “scabs” list of pilots who crossed union picket lines to fly for Eastern.”

Norman notes in this complaint the operative word used in both statements by the court majority is **fly**. The word **fly** is used to define the work done which qualified a name to be placed on the “SCAB” list. The word “fly” in any tense (fly, flew, flown)was never applicable to the activity of Norman during the Eastern strike, a fact that was repeatedly made known to the court.

And the Court states:

“This court reviews de novo the dismissal of a complaint for failure to state a claim, construing all allegations in the complaint as true and in the light most favorable to the plaintiff.”

In addressing Appellant Norman, Judge Hull writing for the majority states:

“Norman’s contentions lack merit. The record shows that Norman was hired by Eastern as a DC-9 Captain and received compensation while in training. One of his job requirements was to participate in the pilot training program. Under these circumstances, Norman was “working” for Eastern in the ordinary sense of the term. It is this colloquial use of “working”- and not Norman’s legal classification under the Railway Labor Act-that is relevant in determining whether “scab” can be applied to him. Consequently, ALPA had no additional reason to know that Norman was not a SCAB; his situation is therefore no different from all the other pilots who worked despite the strike.”

Just why a United States Court of Appeals Judge is not obliged to use “legal classification” and also consider and include case law on an issue in an opinion is why the appearance of judicial corruption, mental lapses or prejudice against pro-se litigants exists in the decision. During the Eastern strike of 1989 the circumstances of Norman were no different than the circumstances of hundreds of other pilot trainees. The names of the other trainees are not on the “SCAB” list, the name of **Norman is**. The 11th Circuit in EASTERN AIRLINES INC. v ALPA et al., 920 F 2d 722, Dec. 20 1990, clearly addressed trainee status in the Eastern strike. The 11th Circuit determined trainees were not “working Eastern pilots”, plain and simple. It is interesting to note that the standard of “SCAB” of Judge Hull for the other Plaintiff’s in this case required them to fly for Eastern, but the standard Judge Hull established for Norman was different. Norman did not have to fly for Eastern during the ALPA strike to be labeled “SCAB”. In fact, Norman has never flown an airplane for Eastern in his life and has never been given the opportunity to refute the allegation he had flown during the strike. Norman has always been an ALPA member in good standing and was not brought up under union charges of strike breaking as were the ALPA members who crossed the picket lines to fly.

The standard of review established by the court in this case was to construe “all allegations in the complaint as true and in the light most favorable to the plaintiff”. This

representation by Judge Hull, as applied to Norman, is nothing more than fraud upon Plaintiff Norman. Norman furnished vast amounts of documentation, provided him by the defendants, which show he has at all times been an ALPA member in good standing and was never accused of strike breaking until the "SCAB" list was published a year and a half after the strike ended.

Defendant's have represented there was daily monitoring of those who flew aircraft during the strike so that any union privileges could immediately be curtailed for those crossing their picket lines to fly. The privileges were never curtailed for Norman as evidenced by his union membership cards and other documentation, which is in the record, and was continually provided by the Defendants to Norman. With this daily monitoring ALPA knew Norman was not a SCAB. Judge Hull incorrectly reasoned "Consequently, ALPA had no additional reason to know that Norman was not a scab;". Had any of the documentation provided Norman, by the Defendant's, been construed in the light most favorable to the Plaintiff (Norman) or had Judge Hull considered 11th Circuit case law on trainees the conclusions reached would have certainly been different.

The majority opinion in this case concluded Norman was a "SCAB" because he received compensation while in pilot training. The "compensation" received by Norman during training was no different than the "compensation" received by other pilot trainees. The treatment of Norman while in training was no different than other pilot trainees during the Eastern work dispute and the Courts determined in Eastern Airlines, Inc. v. ALPA, et al., 744 F. Supp. 1140, S.D. Fla., 1990 and the 11th Circuit in Eastern Airlines, Inc. v. ALPA et al., 920 F 2d 722, Dec. 20, 1990 that trainee pilots who had not completed the airline training program and initial operating experience, had not obtained Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certificate, and had not started flying revenue flights were not "working Eastern pilots". They had not performed work ordinarily discharged by striking pilots and they were not employees protected by the Railway Labor Act. By this definition of Judge Edward Davis and the 11th Circuit Norman never crossed a picket line to do work for Eastern Air Lines. The other Plaintiff's in the case did cross the picket lines to "work", i.e. fly.

. Compensation has never been an issue in any airline trainee case law – never - the issue always boils down to whether or not the trainee has participated in a revenue flight. A pilot

looses his / her trainee status and becomes a pilot for the carrier on strike the minute a revenue flight begins- a definition well established in industry practice and case law. That definition is also used by the Defendants and is why Norman was never accused of strike breaking under the union Constitution and Bylaws. Judge Hull, apparently either as a result of corruption, mental lapses or prejudice against pro se litigant Norman, decided to abandon all previous industry practice and case law when the circumstances of Norman were considered. The type conduct exhibited by Judge Hull is certainly not acceptable to this citizen and should not be tolerated in any system whose business is the administration of justice.

The conduct of Judge Hull in this matter is beyond an erroneous decision; it is conduct that appears to conflict with Canon 1.2, 1.3, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.6, 2.8 and 3 B1 of the Code of Judicial Conduct and gives the semblance of Judicial corruption and/or mental lapses and/or prejudice against pro se litigants. The conduct of Judge Hull is a prime reason citizens have lost faith in the judicial system and is also prejudicial to the effective and expeditious administration of the business of the courts. The harm caused by Judge Hull must be addressed and corrected. At the very least there are issues for a jury to decide as to whether or not Norman "worked" during the Eastern Air Lines strike.

Judge Hull needs to explain, with specific case law, just why she contradicted 11th Circuit case law and found trainee Norman worked for Eastern during the 1989 strike and Judge Hull also needs to comment on the evidence presented by Norman in this case. If the explanations for her actions are not of sufficient quality she should be asked to tender her resignation to preserve citizen confidence in the justice system

Citizens who have responded to the many LETTERS TO THE EDITOR written by Norman (some of which are attached) and published throughout Georgia, Florida and Alabama, believe we are entitled to better judicial conduct than has been exhibited in this case and we await you conclusions on this complaint.

Respectfully submitted this the 7th day of August, 2000



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File misplaced

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