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News & analysis of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, by Matthew Stiegler

A federal judge is suing Judge Scirica

Third Circuit Judge Anthony Scirica is a defendant in a mind-blowing federal lawsuit recently filed by an Ohio federal judge.

After federal district judge John R. Adams (N.D. Ohio) issued a show-cause contempt order against a magistrate judge who hadn't met his deadline (!), four of his fellow judges filed a judicial misconduct complaint against him, and the Sixth Circuit Judicial Council reprimanded him and ordered him to undergo a mental health examination.

Represented by a [conservative activist group](#), Adams then petitioned for review by the Committee on Judicial Conduct and Disability of the Judicial Conference of the United States, which is chaired by Scirica. The Committee [upheld](#) the reprimand and the examination order. (Thorough local news coverage, [here](#) and [here](#), describes Adams' history of confrontations and quoting Adams himself.)

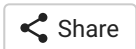
[I first learned about his through a post today on Howard Bashman's How Appealing.]

The never-boring Judge Richard Kopf [blogged](#) that Adams had been "a jerk" and "should be ashamed of himself," although Kopf was of two minds on whether the examination order was justified.

Now, Scirica has been sued in his capacity as Committee chair by Adams (along with the Committee, the Sixth Circuit council, and the council's chair) in the District of D.C., alleging a slew of constitutional violations including "constructive impeachment." The complaint is [here](#).

Adams has no business on the federal bench. I just feel bad for Judge Scirica that's he's been dragged into this demeaning spectacle.

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