# Filing a Complaint

The procedure for filing a complaint for misconduct against a judge in South Dakota is described in [SDCL ch. 16-1A, Appx.III(2)](http://ujs.sd.gov/uploads/Complaints_procedure.pdf).  
  
Please use the complaint form which may be downloaded from this site. Any person wishing to file a complaint against a judge should state the facts of his or her particular situation as clearly and as specifically as possible. Under the rules, the complaint must allege facts which would demonstrate:

1. a violation of the Judicial Code of Conduct (Appendix to SDCL ch.16-2) (see above);
2. willful misconduct in office;
3. habitual intemperance;
4. disability that seriously interferes with the performance of the judge’s duties; or
5. violation of any constitutional provisions or statutes or conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice and brings a judicial office into dispute.

Complaints filed against judges must be written and may be directed to:

Secretary  
Judicial Qualifications Commission  
P O Box 230  
Rapid City, SD 57709-0230

E-mail complaints are not allowed.   
  
If you choose to submit an anonymous complaint, your complaint may not be able to be investigated by the Judicial Qualifications Commission if the complaint is incomplete or if more information is needed from you in order to proceed.