

Complaint Alleges Judge Viewed Porn In Chambers

Reports Allege Federal Judge Nottingham Dropped \$3,000 At Strip Club

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DENVER -- An appeals court judge is reviewing a personal misconduct complaint against Edward W. Nottingham, the chief federal district judge in Colorado.

Tenth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Chief Judge Robert H. Henry said in court documents released Thursday that he would take the complaint under advisement.

The complaint alleges that a judge "brought disrepute to the judiciary."

Henry did not name the judge, because federal rules prohibit it. But Sean Harrington, who heads a legal technology firm, confirmed in a telephone interview that Henry is reviewing a complaint that Harrington filed about Nottingham.

Harrington's complaint, filed in January, cited news media reports that Nottingham allegedly viewed adult Web sites on his government computer in his chambers. The media reports also indicated Nottingham testified in a divorce case last year that he spent \$3,000 at a strip club one night.

Nottingham's attorney, Stephen Peters, told The Denver Post and Rocky Mountain News he had no comment on the complaint, but that his client looked forward to resolving the issue.

Harrington's complaint also accused Nottingham of failing to review a lawsuit Harrington had filed. Henry dismissed that part of the complaint.

Nottingham, the chief U.S. District judge in Colorado, presided over the high-profile trial of former Qwest Communications CEO Joe Nacchio last year. Nacchio is appealing his conviction on 19 counts of insider trading.