

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Ronald Anderson,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.)
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Ann Meister *et al.*,)
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Defendants.)

Civil Action No.

09 0338

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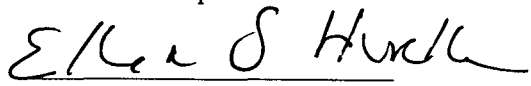
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U.S. DISTRICT COURT

MEMORANDUM OPINION

This matter is before the Court on review of plaintiff's *pro se* complaint and application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The application will be granted and the complaint will be dismissed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915A (requiring dismissal of a prisoner's complaint upon a determination that the complaint, among other grounds, seeks monetary relief from an immune defendant).

Plaintiff is a prisoner at the United States Penitentiary McCreary in Pine Knot, Kentucky. He sues the Register of Wills for the District of Columbia and her deputy for rejecting his "Petition for Probate" of his mother's estate. Claiming that the defendants have deprived him of his First Amendment right to seek redress, plaintiff seeks monetary damages totaling \$110,000. Like judges, court officials "are absolutely immune from liability for damages" under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 for actions taken, as alleged here, within the scope of their official duties as "an integral part of the judicial process." *Sindram v. Suda*, 986 F.2d 1459, 1460 (D.C. Cir. 1993). The complaint therefore is dismissed. A separate Order accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

Date: February 10, 2009


United States District Judge

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