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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 13-2439

In Re: TYRONE HURT,

Petitioner.

On Petition for Writ of Mandamus. (8:12-mc-00512)

Submitted: March 6, 2014

Decided: March 13, 2014

Before NIEMEYER and SHEDD, Circuit Judges, and HAMILTON, Senior Circuit Judge.

Petition denied by unpublished per curiam opinion.

Tyrone Hurt, Petitioner Pro Se.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Tyrone Hurt petitions for a writ of mandamus, seeking the "elimination and abolishment" of a prefiling injunction imposed by the district court. We deny the petition.

Mandamus is a drastic remedy to be used only in extraordinary circumstances. <u>Kerr v. United States Dist. Court</u>, 426 U.S. 394, 402 (1976); <u>United States v. Moussaoui</u>, 333 F.3d 509, 516-17 (4th Cir. 2003). Mandamus is available only when the petitioner has a clear right to the relief sought, <u>In re First Fed. Sav. & Loan Ass'n</u>, 860 F.2d 135, 138 (4th Cir. 1988), and may not be used as a substitute for appeal. <u>In re Lockheed</u> <u>Martin Corp.</u>, 503 F.3d 351, 353 (4th Cir. 2007).

The relief Hurt seeks is unavailable by way of mandamus. Accordingly, while we grant leave to proceed in forma pauperis, we deny the petition for writ of mandamus. We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before the court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

PETITION DENIED

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