

**UNPUBLISHED**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 17-1326**

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In re: DANIEL JOHNSON WILLIS,

Petitioner.

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On Petition for Writ of Mandamus. (4:16-mc-00003-BO)

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Submitted: May 23, 2017

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Decided: May 25, 2017

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Before KING, AGEE, and WYNN, Circuit Judges.

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Petition denied by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Daniel Johnson Willis, Petitioner Pro Se.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

## PER CURIAM:

Daniel Johnson Willis petitions for a writ of mandamus seeking an order directing the district court to file his civil complaint. We conclude that Willis is not entitled to mandamus relief. Mandamus relief is a drastic remedy and should be used only in extraordinary circumstances. *Kerr v. U.S. Dist. Court*, 426 U.S. 394, 402 (1976); *United States v. Moussaoui*, 333 F.3d 509, 516-17 (4th Cir. 2003). Further, mandamus relief is available only when the petitioner has a clear right to the relief sought. *In re First Fed. Sav. & Loan Ass'n*, 860 F.2d 135, 138 (4th Cir. 1988).

Mandamus may not be used as a substitute for appeal. *In re Lockheed Martin Corp.*, 503 F.3d 351, 353 (4th Cir. 2007). The relief sought by Willis is not available by way of mandamus. Accordingly, although we grant leave to proceed in forma pauperis, we deny the petition and corrected petition for writ of mandamus. We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before this court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

***PETITION DENIED***