

**UNPUBLISHED**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 21-1992**

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In re: WILLIAM SCOTT DAVIS, JR.,

Petitioner.

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On Petition for Writ of Mandamus. (5:16-hc-02211-BA)

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Submitted: November 18, 2021

Decided: November 19, 2021

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Before MOTZ, THACKER, and HARRIS, Circuit Judges.

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Petition denied by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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William Scott Davis, Jr., Petitioner Pro Se.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

William Scott Davis, Jr., petitions for a writ of mandamus, alleging that a number of errors occurred during his criminal proceedings. We conclude that Davis is not entitled to mandamus relief.

Mandamus relief is a drastic remedy and should be used only in extraordinary circumstances. *Cheney v. U.S. Dist. Ct.*, 542 U.S. 367, 380 (2004); *In re Murphy-Brown, LLC*, 907 F.3d 788, 795 (4th Cir. 2018). Further, mandamus relief is available only when the petitioner has a clear right to the relief sought and “has no other adequate means to attain the relief [he] desires.” *Murphy-Brown*, 907 F.3d at 795 (alteration and internal quotation marks omitted). Mandamus may not be used as a substitute for appeal. *In re Lockheed Martin Corp.*, 503 F.3d 351, 353 (4th Cir. 2007).

Davis may not challenge his criminal convictions by way of mandamus. Accordingly, 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 this court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

*PETITION DENIED*