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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
OAKLAND DIVISION

SHRUTI SHETTY,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ALPHABET, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No: C 17-00589 SBA

**ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S
MOTION TO REQUEST CHANGE
OF JUDGE**

Dkt. 13

14 Plaintiff Shruti Shetty ("Plaintiff"), proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis ("IFP"),
15 has filed a Motion to Request Change of Judge to Expedite Case Given Perversion of
16 Justice. Dkt. 13. Although the motion is generally incoherent, it appears to make two
17 requests: (1) reassignment of another case—No. 16-CV-06012—that Plaintiff has pending
18 before Judge Haywood Gilliam, Jr.; and (2) transfer of both this case and the case before
19 Judge Gilliam to a court in San Francisco.

20 The Court notes that Plaintiff has already made, and the Court has already denied, a
21 request to transfer the instant action to San Francisco. See Mot. to Transfer Case to SF,
22 Dkt. 11; Order Denying Pl.'s Request, Dkt. 12.

23 Regarding Plaintiff's request to reassign the case pending before Judge Gilliam
24 and/or to transfer that case to San Francisco, this Court has no authority to reassign or
25 transfer a case pending before another district judge. See generally In re McBryde, 117
26 F.3d 208, 225 n.11 (5th Cir. 1997) ("[T]he structure of the federal courts does not allow one
27 judge of a district court to rule directly on the legality of another district judge's judicial
28 acts or to deny another district judge his or her lawful jurisdiction.") (quoting Dhalliun v.

1 McKibben, 682 F. Supp. 1096 (D. Nev. 1988)).

2 Additionally, the Court notes that cases in this district are assigned blindly and at
3 random by the Clerk of the Court. General Order No. 44; 28 U.S.C. § 137 (“The business
4 of a court having more than one judge shall be divided among the judges as provided by the
5 rules and orders of the court.”). Absent recusal or some other inability to serve on the part
6 of the assigned judge, reassignment is not authorized.

7 Accordingly, Plaintiff’s motion is DENIED.

8 IT IS SO ORDERED.

9 Dated: 3/28/17


SAUNDRA BROWN ARMSTRONG
Senior United States District Judge

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