

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Clerk, U.S. District and
Bankruptcy Courts

MAURICE JACKSON,

Plaintiff,

v.

WILLIAM K. SUTER, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Civil Action No.

14-27

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Plaintiff brings this action against the Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States, among others, alleging that the defendants denied him access to the courts in violation of rights protected under the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution. *See* Compl. at 1. Generally, plaintiff asserts that defendants prevented the timely filing of his petition for a writ of certiorari, *see id.* at 4-5, and he demands injunctive relief as well as monetary damages, *id.* at 7.

The Clerk of the Supreme Court is the designated recipient of all documents filed with the Supreme Court, and is authorized to reject any filing that does not comply with the applicable rules and orders. *See* Sup. Ct. R. 1. This Court has no authority to determine what action, if any, must be taken by the Supreme Court and its administrative officers. *See In re Marin*, 956 F.2d 339, 340 (D.C. Cir.), *cert. denied*, 506 U.S. 844 (1992). Furthermore, insofar as the plaintiff demands compensatory damages, the defendants are absolutely immune from suit. The absolute judicial immunity afforded to judges, *see Sindram v. Suda*, 986 F.2d 1459, 1460 (D.C. Cir. 1993) (“Judges enjoy absolute judicial immunity from suits for money damages for all actions taken in

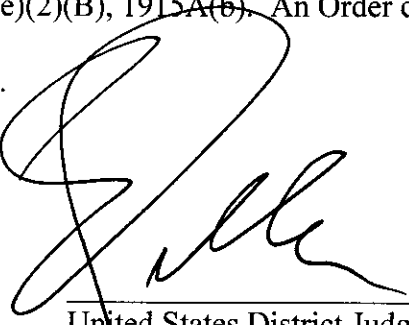
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the judge's judicial capacity, unless these actions are taken in the complete absence of all jurisdiction."), extends to court clerks performing "tasks that are an integral part of the judicial process." *Id.* at 1460-61.

The Court will grant the plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and will dismiss the complaint. *See* 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(e)(2)(B), 1915A(b). An Order consistent with this Memorandum Opinion is issued separately.

DATE:

12/28/17



United States District Judge