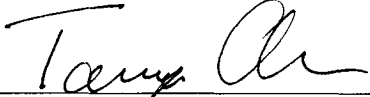


they took part in a substandard investigation concerning his license to practice medicine” is frivolous and fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted). These claims are precluded because there has been prior litigation (1) involving the same claims or cause of action, (2) between the same parties or their privies, and (3) there has been a final, valid judgment on the merits, (4) by a court of competent jurisdiction.” *Smalls v. United States*, 471 F.3d 186, 192 (D.C. Cir. 2006) (citations omitted).

The Court will grant plaintiff’s application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and will dismiss the complaint. An Order is issued separately.

DATE: June 21, 2017


United States District Judge