

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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MARCUS MEIKLE,)
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Plaintiff,)
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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,)
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Defendant.)

Civ. No. 19-2436 (UNA)

MEMORANDUM OPINION

This matter is before the Court on consideration of the plaintiff’s application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and his *pro se* complaint. The plaintiff alleges that he has attempted to file 32 cases in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia since December 2018 which its Clerk refused to file and to assign case numbers. He asks this Court to award him \$ 60 million, or the total amount he has demanded in his attempted Superior Court cases. In addition, the plaintiff demands additional compensation for the harm he has suffered as a result of the Superior Court’s inaction.

This Court cannot provide the relief the petitioner seeks. “As a general rule, applicable here, this Court lacks jurisdiction to review the decisions of the Superior Court.” *Morton v. United States*, No. 1:19-CV-00514, 2019 WL 1924252, at *1 (D.D.C. Apr. 26, 2019) (citations omitted). Furthermore, the immunity the Superior Court judges enjoy extends to the Clerk of Court, such that he, too, is absolutely immune from suit. *See Hurt v. Clerks, Superior Court of District of Columbia*, No. 06-cv-5308, 2006 WL 3835759, at *1 (D.C. Cir. Dec.22, 2006) (per curiam) (affirming the dismissal of an action against judicial clerks to whom absolute judicial immunity is extended); *Sindram v. Suda*, 986 F.2d 1459, 1460 (D.C. Cir. 1993) (per curiam) (“holding . . . that clerks, like judges, are immune from damage suits for performance of tasks that are an integral part of the judicial process”); *Sindram v. Monroe*, No. 09-cv-1099, 2009 WL 1684584, at *1 (D.D.C. June 16, 2009) (“[A] Superior Court clerk’s

decisions to accept or reject a litigant's filings are basic and integral to the court's function and such decisions fall within the defendant's jurisdiction. The Court will dismiss the complaint in its entirety because judicial immunity protects the defendant from suit.”).

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

DATE: ~~August~~ ^{Sept.} 3rd, 2019



United States District Judge