

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

EDWIN C. COLEMAN

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v.

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Civil No. – CCB-17-1746

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CARRIE M. WARD

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MEMORANDUM

Edwin C. Coleman filed this action to attack the validity of a foreclosure action instituted in the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, after having filed several motions and appeals in the Maryland state courts. Defendant trustee Carrie M. Ward has filed a motion to dismiss the amended complaint, and Coleman has responded. The motion will be granted.

It is difficult to discern the bases for Coleman’s claims. To the extent he states any claim, however, it has or could have been brought in the course of the state court litigation.¹ The state courts have ruled against Coleman, and accordingly those claims are barred by the doctrine of *res judicata*. See *Laurel Sand & Gravel, Inc. v. Wilson*, 519 F.3d 156, 162 (4th Cir. 2008). Further, to the extent he seeks to have this court stay the ongoing state court proceedings, Coleman has shown no basis for an exception to the Anti-Injunction Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2283. See *Employers Resource Management Co., Inc. v. Shannon*, 65 F.3d 1126, 1129-30 (4th Cir. 1995). It also appears that *Younger* abstention is warranted. *Id.* at 1134-35.

A separate order effecting the ruling made in this memorandum is being entered herewith.

Date: October 31, 2017

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Catherine C. Blake
United States District Judge

¹ Any TILA claim would be time-barred.