

NO. 07-12-0349-CV

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE SEVENTH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

AT AMARILLO

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AUGUST 7, 2012

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IN RE ELIGAH DARNELL, JR., RELATOR

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Before QUINN, C.J., and HANCOCK and PIRTLE, JJ.

**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

By this original proceeding, Relator, Eligah Darnell, Jr., an inmate proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis, seeks a writ of mandamus to compel the Potter County District Clerk, Caroline Woodburn, to file his civil complaint pursuant to chapter 14 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code. For the reasons expressed herein, we deny Relator's request and dismiss his petition for writ of mandamus for want of jurisdiction.

This Court has the authority to issue writs of mandamus against a judge of a district or county court in our district and all writs necessary to enforce our jurisdiction. Tex. Gov't Code Ann. § 22.221(b) (West 2004). In order for a district clerk to fall within our jurisdictional reach, it must be established that the issuance of the writ of mandamus is necessary to enforce our jurisdiction. *In re Coronado*, 980 S.W.2d 691, 692-93 (Tex.App.-San Antonio 1998, no pet.). Relator has not demonstrated that the

exercise of our mandamus authority against the Potter County District Clerk is appropriate to enforce our jurisdiction. Consequently, we have no authority to issue a writ of mandamus against Caroline Woodburn.

Accordingly, the petition for writ of mandamus is dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

Patrick A. Pirtle  
Justice