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## IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

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No. 18-20370

YOLANDA M. WILLIAMS,

Plaintiff - Appellant



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JUDGE LISA A. MILLARD,

v.

Defendant - Appellee

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas

Before REAVLEY, ELROD, and OLDHAM, Circuit Judges. PER CURIAM:

This court must examine the basis of its jurisdiction, on its own motion if necessary. Hill v. City of Seven Points, 230 F.3d 167, 169 (5th Cir. 2000). Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2107(a) and Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 4(a)(1)(A), the notice of appeal in a civil case must be filed within thirty days of entry of judgment.

In this action, the district court entered final judgment dismissing the complaint on January 23, 2018. Therefore, the final day for filing a timely notice of appeal was February 22, 2018. The plaintiff's notice of appeal was filed on June 4, 2018. When set by statute, the time limitation for filing a notice of appeal in a civil case is jurisdictional. *Hamer v. Neighborhood Hous*.

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Servs. of Chi., 138 S. Ct. 13, 17 (2017); Bowles v. Russell, 551 U.S. 205, 214 (2007). The lack of a timely notice mandates dismissal of the appeal. Robbins v. Maggio, 750 F.2d 405, 408 (5th Cir. 1985). All pending motions are denied as moot.

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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

United States District Court
Southern District of Texas

ENTERED

January 23, 2018 David J. Bradley, Clerk

YOLANDA M. WILLIAMS,

Plaintiff,

VS.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTION
§ 18-mc-00231

Defendant.

## **ORDER**

A review of Petitioner's request to proceed in forma pauperis reveals that Petitioner cannot afford to pay the \$400.00 filing fee. Accordingly, Petitioner's application to proceed in forma pauperis is GRANTED.

However, Petitioner's complaint fails to state a claim on which relief may be granted. "The Supreme Court has definitively established, in what has become known as the *Rooker-Feldman* doctrine, that federal district courts, as courts of original jurisdiction, lack appellate jurisdiction to review, modify, or nullify final orders of state courts." *Weekly v. Morrow*, 204 F.3d 613, 615 (5th Cir. 2000) (internal citation omitted). That doctrine applies in this case.

Additionally, the doctrine of judicial immunity bars any relief in this action. See Stump v. Sparkman, 435 U.S. 349 (1978). Petitioner's complaint is therefore **DISMISSED WITHOUT**PREJUDICE. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

SIGNED this 22nd day of January, 2018.

KEITH P. ELLISON

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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