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

No. 18-20377

YOLANDA M. WILLIAMS,

Plaintiff - Appellant

v

SHAWNA L. REAGIN, Former Judge,

Defendant - Appellee

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

Before HIGGINBOTHAM, JONES, and COSTA, 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 6, 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

YOLANDA M. WILLIAMS,

Plaintiff,

VS.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTION
18-mc-00230

SHAWNA L. REAGIN.

Defendant.

## <u>ORDER</u>

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. "[I]n order to recover damages for allegedly unconstitutional conviction or imprisonment, or for other harm caused by actions whose unlawfulness would render a conviction or sentence invalid, a § 1983 plaintiff must prove that the conviction or sentence has been reversed on direct appeal, expunged by executive order, declared invalid by a state tribunal authorized to make such determination, or called into question by a federal court's issuance of a writ of habeas corpus." Heck v. Humphrey, 512 U.S. 477, 486–87 (1994) (internal citation omitted). Petitioner has made no such showing.

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).

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