

**United States Court of Appeals
for the Fifth Circuit**

No. 22-10507

United States Court of Appeals
Fifth Circuit

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IN RE TRENT STEVEN GRIFFIN, SR.,

Lyle W. Cayce
Clerk

Petitioner.

Petition for Writ of Mandamus to the
United States District Court
for the Northern District of Texas
USDC No. 3:14-CV-2470

UNPUBLISHED ORDER

Before HAYNES, ENGELHARDT, and OLDHAM, *Circuit Judges*.

PER CURIAM:

Trent Steven Griffin, Sr., has filed in this court a pro se petition for a writ of mandamus. In his petition, Griffin challenges the March 20, 2015 order of the district court granting motions to strike, amend, and set aside default and denying a motion for default judgment and several other motions; the February 24, 2016 orders and judgment of the district court dismissing his claims with prejudice; and the March 22, 2022 order of the district court denying his motion for relief from judgment. He seeks an order from this court vacating those orders and preventing their enforcement.

“Mandamus is an extraordinary remedy that should be granted only in the clearest and most compelling cases.” *In re Willy*, 831 F.2d 545, 549 (5th Cir. 1987). A party seeking mandamus relief must show both that he has

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no other adequate means to obtain the requested relief and that he has a “clear and indisputable” right to the writ. *Id.* (internal quotation marks and citation omitted). Mandamus is not a substitute for appeal. *Id.* “Where an interest can be vindicated through direct appeal after a final judgment, this court will ordinarily not grant a writ of mandamus.” *Campanioni v. Barr*, 962 F.2d 461, 464 (5th Cir. 1992).

As Griffin acknowledges, he challenged the orders and judgment he now seeks to challenge in two separate direct appeals; this court affirmed the original judgment of the district court and dismissed Griffin’s appeal from the denial of his motion for relief from judgment as frivolous. *See Griffin v. American Zurich Ins. Co.*, No. 22-10304, at 2 (5th Cir. June 27, 2022) (unpublished); *Griffin v. American Zurich Ins. Co.*, 697 F. App’x 793, 798 (5th Cir. 2017). As Griffin could, and did, raise his claims on direct appeal, mandamus relief is not warranted. *See Campanioni*, 962 F.2d at 464.

The petition for a writ of mandamus is DENIED.