

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

DEBORAH DIANE FLETCHER, )

Plaintiff, )

v. )

APPEALS COURT CLERK OFFICE, )

Defendant. )

Case: 1:17-cv-00458

Assigned To : Unassigned

Assign. Date : 3/15/2017

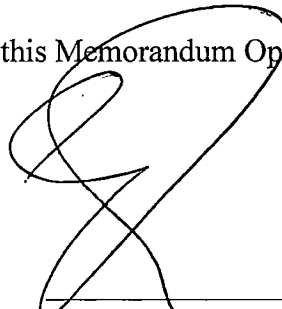
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**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

This matter is before the Court on plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and her *pro se* civil complaint. According to plaintiff, the Clerk of the United States Court of Appeals has "denied plaintiff her constitution[al] rights to receive four awards that were file[d] in [the] court system during October or November 2016." Compl. at 2. She has asked this Court to "order the defen[d]ant to put these awards through and stop holding them." *Id.*

Even if this Court had the authority to compel the D.C. Circuit to act, *see Panko v. Rodak*, 606 F.2d 168, 171 n.6 (7th Cir. 1979) ("It seems axiomatic that a lower court may not order the judges or officers of a higher court to take an action."), *cert. denied*, 444 U.S. 1081 (1980), it does not appear that plaintiff is entitled to the relief she seeks. Not one of the four cases she identifies, *see* Compl. at 2, has been resolved in her favor. *See Fletcher v. Supergirl*, No. 16-7101 (D.C. Cir. Nov. 28, 2016) (dismissed for lack of timely notice of appeal); *Fletcher v. Reed*, No. 16-7099 (D.C. Cir. Nov. 28, 2016) (dismissed for lack of timely notice of appeal); *Fletcher v. U.S. District Attorney*, No. 16-5278 (D.C. Cir. Jan. 30, 2017) (dismissed for lack of prosecution); *Fletcher v. Dep't of Educ.*, No. 16-5275 (D.C. Cir. Jan. 30, 2017) (dismissed for lack of prosecution).

The Court will grant plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and will dismiss the complaint. An Order consistent with this Memorandum Opinion is issued separately.



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United States District Judge

DATE:

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