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

CARGYLE BROWN SOLOMON,

Plaintiff,

v.

LAURA H.G. O'SULLIVAN, *et al.*

Defendants.

Civil Action No.: 1:18-cv-00778-UNA

**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

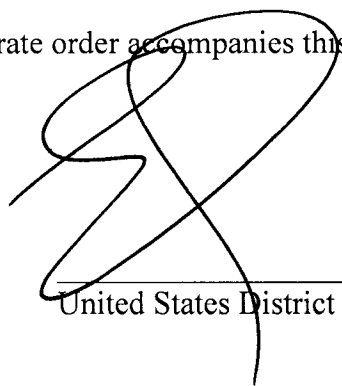
This matter is before the Court on its initial review of plaintiff's *pro se* complaint and application for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The Court will grant the application and dismiss the complaint for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(h)(3) (requiring the court to dismiss an action "at any time" it determines that subject matter jurisdiction is wanting).

Plaintiff is a resident of Oxon Hill, Maryland, who is filing to appeal an opinion issued by a judge in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland. [*See* Compl. at 1-2]. This federal district court lacks jurisdiction to review the decisions of a state court. The United States Supreme Court has held that federal district courts lack jurisdiction over challenges to state court decisions *D.C. Ct. of App. v. Feldman*, 460 U.S. 462, 486 (1983). Rather, the proper method of challenging rulings or actions by the state court is by appeal within the state system. *See id.* at 486.

Additionally, a challenge to a state court action must proceed through *that state's* system of appellate review rather than through any federal district court. *See Prentice v. U.S. Dist. Court for E. Dist. of Michigan, S. Div.*, 307 Fed. App'x 460 (D.C. Cir. 2008) (*per curiam*)(emphasis

added). As a result, this case will be dismissed. A separate order accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

Date: 4/24/10



United States District Judge