

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ELENA STURDZA,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

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Civil Action No. 19-1643 (UNA)

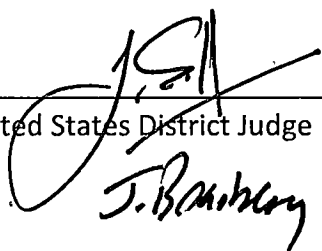
MEMORANDUM OPINION

This matter is before the Court on plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and her *pro se* civil complaint. It appears that plaintiff demands compensation for work she performed in designing a chancery building in Washington, D.C., for the United Arab Emirates. It further appears that this matter has been resolved in a prior civil action, *see Sturdza v. United Arab Emirates*, 281 F.3d 1287, 1291 (D.C. Cir. 2002) (summarizing factual background), which the parties voluntarily dismissed with prejudice, *see Stipulation of Voluntary Dismissal Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(ii), Sturdza v. United Arab Emirates*, No. 19-cv-2051 (D.D.C. Sept. 29, 2014). Plaintiff's subsequent attempts to seek relief in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and the Supreme Court of the United States have not met with success, *see Compl. at 1, 3*, and insofar as the instant complaint challenges the rulings of the D.C. Circuit or the Supreme Court, the complaint must be dismissed for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. This federal district court lacks jurisdiction to review the decisions of either court. *See Straw v. Supreme Court of United States*, 731 F. App'x 7, 8 (D.C. Cir. 2018) (per curiam) ("The district court correctly determined that it lacked jurisdiction to review

decisions of the United States Supreme Court or to direct that Court to take any action.”); *Panko v. Rodak*, 606 F.2d 168, 171 n.6 (7th Cir. 1979) (“[I]t 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).

An Order consistent with this Memorandum Opinion is issued separately.

DATE: June 24, 2019



United States District Judge
J. Brinkley