

**FILED****MAR 10 2020**Clerk, U.S. District & Bankruptcy  
Courts for the District of Columbia**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**\_\_\_\_\_  
ZAFARAH I. BEY,

Plaintiff,

v.

CATHERINE FRIEND EASTERLY, *et al.*,Defendants.  
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Civil Action No. 20-0608 (UNA)

**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

This matter is before the Court on the plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and her *pro se* complaint. Generally, the plaintiff asks this Court to review a decision of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. *See* Compl. at 18. This Court cannot grant the relief the plaintiff demands because it lacks jurisdiction to do so. *See Lance v. Dennis*, 546 U.S. 459, 463 (2006) (per curiam) ("[U]nder what has come to be known as the *Rooker-Feldman* doctrine, lower federal courts are precluded from exercising appellate jurisdiction over final state-court judgments."); *Morton v. United States*, No. 1:19-CV-00514, 2019 WL 1924252, at \*1 (D.D.C. Apr. 26, 2019) ("As a general rule, applicable here, this Court lacks jurisdiction to review the decisions of the Superior Court."). Accordingly, the Court will grant the plaintiff's *in forma pauperis* application and dismiss the complaint without prejudice. An Order consistent with this Memorandum Opinion is issued separately.

DATE: March 10, 2020TREVOR N. McFADDEN  
United States District Judge