

Plaintiff Diana R. Williams has filed a motion titled "Motion for Judicial Disqualification of Judge Karen Friedman, Motion for Sanctions against Judge Karen Friedman for Committing Judicial Misconduct, Motion for Clarification, Motion for Another Substitution, Motion to Dismiss Judge Karen Friedman's Orders and to Have Another Judge Consider the Plaintiff's Motions for Reconsideration, for a New Trial by Jury, to Enter a New Judgment Because of Additional Evidence, and Granting of the Plaintiff's Motion to Amend the Punitive Damage in the Plaintiff's Civil Complaints" (Docket Entries 9000, 10000, 11000, 12000 & 13000). No hearing is necessary.

Because of the nature of Plaintiff's arguments, this Court, as the Judge-in-Charge of the Civil Docket, has considered the Motion. All of Plaintiff's arguments turn on her contention that Judge Friedman should have recused herself and should be disqualified from participation in this action because Judge Friedman was initially appointed to the bench by Governor Martin O'Malley and because Plaintiff makes allegations against former Governor O'Malley. This fact does not provide any basis for recusal or disqualification. Many judges of this Court, including this Court, were initially appointed by Governor O'Malley, and that fact alone does not mean these judges cannot be impartial in an action including allegations against the former Governor. Plaintiff thus has not stated any reason to disqualify Judge Friedman or to re-open any of her rulings in this action.

**ORDER DENYING DISQUALIFICATION**

<p>DIANA R. WILLIAMS, Plaintiff,</p> <p>v.</p> <p>HAMEEDULLAH VIRK, <i>et al.</i>, Defendants.</p>	<p>IN THE</p> <p>CIRCUIT COURT</p> <p>FOR BALTIMORE CITY</p> <p>Case No. 24-C-17-004535</p>
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MARILYN BENTLEY, CLERK

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Judge Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Judge Fletcher-Hill's signature appears on the original document in the court file.

Accordingly, it is this 30th day of March, 2018, by the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, Part 26, hereby **ORDERED** that Plaintiff's Motion for Judicial Disqualification of Judge Karen Friedman, Motion for Sanctions against Judge Karen Friedman for Committing Judicial Misconduct, Motion for Clarification, Motion for Another Substitution, Motion to Dismiss Judge Karen Friedman's Orders and to Have Another Judge Consider the Plaintiff's Motions for Reconsideration, for a New Trial by Jury, to Enter a New Judgment Because of Additional Evidence, and Granting of the Plaintiff's Motion to Amend the Punitive Damage in the Plaintiff's Civil Complaints (Docket Entries 9000, 10000, 11000, 12000 & 13000) is **DENIED**. It is further **ORDERED** that the Clerk of this Court shall send copies of this Order to all parties in the case. It is further **ORDERED** that this case remains closed.