

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 05-6128

In Re: STEPHAN D. BROOKS,

Petitioner.

On Petition for Writ of Mandamus. (CA-03-325)

Submitted: March 23, 2005

Decided: April 12, 2005

Before LUTTIG, MOTZ, and TRAXLER, Circuit Judges.

Petition denied by unpublished per curiam opinion.

Stephan D. Brooks, Petitioner Pro Se.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.
See Local Rule 36(c).

PER CURIAM:

Stephan D. Brooks petitions for writ of mandamus, alleging the district court has unduly delayed acting on his 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (2000) petition. He seeks an order from this court directing the district court to act. Although we find that mandamus relief is not warranted because the delay is not unreasonable, we deny the mandamus petition without prejudice to the filing of another mandamus petition if the district court does not act expeditiously. We grant Brooks's motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis. We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before the court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

PETITION DENIED