

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 96-518

In Re: RONALD GRAHAM,

Petitioner.

On Petition for Writ of Mandamus.

Submitted: April 15, 1996

Decided: May 7, 1996

Before ERVIN and MOTZ, Circuit Judges, and CHAPMAN, Senior Circuit
Judge.

Petition denied by unpublished per curiam opinion.

Ronald Graham, Petitioner Pro Se.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.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

PER CURIAM:

Ronald Graham has filed a petition for a writ of mandamus seeking an order from this court forbidding certain judges and court personnel from further participation in any of Graham's lawsuits and directing that his cases henceforth be heard in Roanoke, Virginia. Mandamus is a drastic remedy to be used only in extraordinary circumstances. Kerr v. United States Dist. Court, 426 U.S. 394, 402 (1976). Mandamus relief is only available when there are no other means by which the relief sought could be granted. In re Beard, 811 F.2d 818, 826 (4th Cir. 1987). The party seeking mandamus relief carries the heavy burden of showing that he has "no other adequate means to attain the relief he desires" and that his right to such relief is "clear and indisputable." Allied Chem. Corp. v. Daiflon, Inc., 449 U.S. 33, 35 (1980). Graham has not made such a showing. Accordingly, although we grant Graham's application to proceed in forma pauperis, we deny mandamus relief. 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. We deny the motion to transfer, the motion to prevent certain judges from handling future cases, and the motion to be subpoenaed as a witness.

PETITION DENIED