

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT**

No. 18-11657
Summary Calendar

United States Court of Appeals
Fifth Circuit

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Lyle W. Cayce
Clerk

CAROL M. KAM,

Plaintiff - Appellant

v.

JOHN B. PEYTON, JR.,

Defendant - Appellee

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Northern District of Texas
USDC No. 3:18-CV-1447

Before JONES, HIGGINSON, and OLDHAM, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

This is an appeal from a district's court dismissal, pursuant to the *Rooker-Feldman* doctrine, of the Appellant's claims relating to a probate matter that was fully litigated, decided, and upheld in Texas state courts. The Appellant filed a variety of pro se claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against the state judge who presided over the original probate matter, predicated upon the Appellant's theory that the judge was without jurisdiction to preside over the

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dispute. The district court, upon the recommendation of a magistrate judge, characterized the Appellant's claims as a thinly-veiled collateral attack on the state courts' final judgment and dismissed the claims under the *Rooker-Feldman* doctrine as articulated by this court in *Phinizy v. State of Ala.*, 847 F.2d 282, 284 (5th Cir. 1988). After a careful review of the parties' briefs, the district court's decision, and applicable case law, this court **AFFIRMS** the district court's decision for substantially the same reasons articulated in the magistrate's Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendation and adopted by the district court in that case.