

**United States Court of Appeals**  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

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**No. 19-7094**

**September Term, 2019**

**1:19-cv-01274-UNA**

**Filed On:** December 11, 2019

L. Ruther,

Appellant

v.

Kentucky, et al.,

Appellees

**ON APPEAL FROM THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**BEFORE:** Griffith and Rao, Circuit Judges, and Sentelle, Senior Circuit Judge

**J U D G M E N T**

This appeal was considered on the record from the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and on the brief filed by appellant. See Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2); D.C. Cir. Rule 34(j). It is

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that the district court's order filed August 1, 2019, be affirmed. After notice and an opportunity to respond to the court's order to show cause, the district court acted within its discretion in enjoining appellant from proceeding in forma pauperis in the district court based on the court's determination that his persistent filings of frivolous complaints are harassing to the court. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a); Hurt v. Social Security Admin., 544 F.3d 308 (D.C. Cir. 2008) (per curiam).

Pursuant to D.C. Circuit Rule 36, this disposition will not be published. The Clerk is directed to withhold issuance of the mandate herein until seven days after resolution of any timely petition for rehearing or petition for rehearing en banc. See Fed. R. App. P. 41(b); D.C. Cir. Rule 41.

**Per Curiam**

**FOR THE COURT:**  
Mark J. Langer, Clerk

BY: /s/  
Daniel J. Reidy  
Deputy Clerk