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November 6, 2025

FOR THE TENTH CIRCUIT

Christopher M. Wolpert
Clerk of Court

In re: BOBBY FRANCIS LOWRY,

Petitioner.

No. 25-8059

ORDER

Before **PHILLIPS, KELLY**, and **CARSON**, Circuit Judges.

Petitioner Bobby Francis Lowry, proceeding pro se,¹ petitions for a writ of mandamus under 28 U.S.C. § 1651(a). He asks this court to direct Wyoming state courts to permit him to proceed in forma pauperis and to docket his appeal. His petition specifically mentions the District Court for the Second Judicial District in Albany County and the Wyoming Supreme Court.

“We have no authority to issue [a writ of mandamus] to direct state courts or their judicial officers in the performance of their duties.” *Van Sickle v. Holloway*, 791 F.2d 1431, 1436 n.5 (10th Cir. 1986) (internal quotation marks omitted).

¹ “A pro se litigant’s pleadings are to be construed liberally and held to a less stringent standard than formal pleadings drafted by lawyers.” *Hall v. Bellmon*, 935 F.2d 1106, 1110 (10th Cir. 1991).

Accordingly, we deny the petition for a writ of mandamus. We grant Mr. Lowry's motion for leave to proceed in this matter without prepayment of costs or fees.

Entered for the Court

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CHRISTOPHER M. WOLPERT, Clerk