UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT

IN RE LIDIA M. ORREGO,

Petitioner

Docket #26-2518

Affirmation in Further Support of Mandamus Petition

LIDIA M. ORREGO affirms the following to be true under penalties of perjury, pursuant to CPLR §2106:

1. I am the *pro se* petitioner and submit this affirmation in further support of my September 4, 2026 petition for a writ of mandamus and, additionally, in support of my separate motion for clarification of the mandamus docket and for information as to when and by whom a three-judge panel was assigned, who the judges are, and for at least one judge to sign the orders to be rendered.

2. On September 4, 2026, I filed this mandamus petition against EDNY Judge Sanket Bulsara for an order that "a judicial officer possessing lawful authority" – which he is not – adjudicate my June 24, 2026 motion pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P 60 (b)(3), (4), (6), (d)(3), and 62.1, which I had addressed to Judge Pamela Chen, for vacatur of his May 8, 2026 Memorandum and Judgment, as he had no jurisdiction to render them by reason of his docket text recusal on November 17, 2025, assigning the case to Judge Chen.

3. Then pending before the Second Circuit – and so-reflected by the mandamus petition – was my June 1, 2026 notice of appeal from the same May 8, 2026 Memorandum and Judgment, which the Clerk's Office assigned docket #26-1576 and consolidated with my April 6,

2026 notice of appeal from Judge Bulsara's March 24, 2026 docket text denying recusal, assigned docket #26-899.

4. On September 9, 2026, five days after filing the mandamus petition, these two notices of appeals were falsely purported by a four-sentence Order to be "consolidated appeals", *as if perfected*, were falsely purported to "lack[] an arguable basis either in law or in fact", and, based thereon, dismissed, after denying my motions to proceed *in forma pauperis*, thereupon denying my related motions as "moot" – these including my motion alerting the appeal panel justices to my June 24, 2026 vacatur motion below.

5. Implied by this September 9, 2026 Order was that the appeal panel judges were Chief Judge Lohier and Circuit Judges Calabresi and Carney, purported as "Present" "At a stated term" of that day. Not one of these three judges signed the Order. Instead, Clerk O'Hagan Wolfe signed it, electronically, "FOR THE COURT".

6. By an October 21, 2026 motion for rehearing, with suggestion for rehearing *en banc*, I demonstrated that the four-sentence September 9, 2026 Order was NOT defensible, was "so totally devoid of evidentiary support as to be unconstitutional", and asserted my belief that it was

> "NOT a 'panel decision', but is the product of the Clerk's Office, which here – and in other cases – operates unconstitutionally, unlawfully, and by fraud to deprive litigants of due process and the rule of law, particularly where the litigants' claims, by appeal, by mandamus/prohibition, or by judicial misconduct complaints, involve judicial misconduct, judicial disqualification, and judicial filing injunctions and other sanctions imposed upon them."

7. By a second October 21, 2026 motion -- this one for vacatur – I demonstrated the same with respect to a four-sentence October 19, 2026 Order bearing Judge Lohier's name alone, but not his signature, electronically-signed "FOR THE COURT" by Clerk O'Hagan Wolfe, which, by a deceitful second sentence and a lying third sentence, denied, without reasons, by its forth sentence, the two motions I had made concerning the Clerk's Office misconduct in concealing and

subverting Local Rule 25.1(a)(i) entitled "Hyperlinks" pertaining to my reconsideration/ reconsideration *en banc* motion.

8. I incorporate these two October 21, 2026 motions by reference in support of the relief I here seek and by my accompanying separate motion.

9. **As for my post-judgment June 24, 2026 vacatur motion that is the subject of this mandamus proceeding** and which, as detailed by my October 21, 2026 reconsideration/reconsideration *en banc* motion (at p. 8), Judge Bulsara offloaded to a separate miscellaneous docket, **it remains unadjudicated in the district court – reinforcing my entitlement to mandamus to compel a district court ruling, without which I will have NO appealable order.** As this Court stated in *In re A.H.*, 999 F.3d 98 (2d Cir 2021):

> "The remedy of mandamus is 'traditionally...used in the federal courts…to compel [a lower court] to exercise its authority when it is its duty to do so.'' *Will v. United States*, 389 U.S. 90, 95 (1967) (quoting *Roche v. Evaporated Milk Ass'n*, 319 U.S. 21, 26 (1943))".

10. The mandamus docket (Exhibit A) shows little by way of what's happening in conformity with FRAP 21 for writs of mandamus, which, pursuant to FRAP 21(b)(6) "must be given preference over ordinary civil cases".

11. According to FRAP 21(a)(3): "Upon receiving the prescribed docket fee, the clerk must docket the petition and submit it to the court." Presumably my *in forma pauperis* motion, filed on September 4, 2026 simultaneously with my mandamus petition, replaces the "prescribed docket fee". Nonetheless, the docket shows that it took six days for the mandamus petition to be docketed – and that no notation was made on the docket of the IFP motion and petition being submitted "to the court".

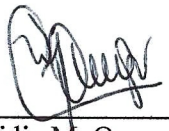
12. Instead, on that September 10, 2026 date, the docket states, at #6, "PETITION FOR WRIT, SERVED" – which is an action performed by the Clerk, at the direction of the Court, pursuant to FRAP 21(b), which reads:

> "(1) The court may deny the petition without an answer. Otherwise, it must order the respondent, if any, to answer within a fixed time.
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> (2) The clerk must serve the order to respond on all persons directed to respond.
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> (3) Two or more respondents may answer jointly.
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> (4) The court of appeals may invite or order the trial-court judge to address the petition or may invite an amicus curiae to do so. The trial-court judge may request permission to address the petition but may not do so unless invited or ordered to do so by the court of appeals."

13. Yet this #6 – also appearing on the docket of the underlying case at #247 – consists of only my September 4, 2026 mandamus petition, unaccompanied by an order or notice identifying the purpose for which the Clerk was serving it, upon whom, and the judges of the mandamus panel who directed same.

14. Who are the three mandamus panel judges who, having NOT dismissed my mandamus petition "without an answer", were required to have "invite[d]"/order[ed]" Judge Bulsara to respond. Where are their names, where is their invitation/order, and what was the "fixed time" they gave him to address the petition, presumably long past. Or is this #6, in fact, sham – with Clerk O'Hagan Wolfe not having even submitted my mandamus petition and IFP motion to the three-judge panel, which perhaps has not even been constituted, presumably by her.

15. As this motion raises reasonable questions, based on FRAP 21 and the docket herein – and my long experience with the indefensible, fraudulent "FOR THE COURT" orders that Clerk O'Hagan Wolfe electronically signs, reflected by my October 21, 2026 motions – she is disqualified by conflict of interest from any contact with my filings pursuant to Canon 3(F)3 of the Code of Conduct for Judicial Employees. All orders herein to be rendered must be signed by a judge.



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Court of Appeals Docket #: 26-2518 **Docketed:** 09/10/2026
In Re: Lidia M. Orrego
Appeal From: EDNY (CENTRAL ISLIP)
Fee Status: IFP Pending in USCA

Case Type Information:
1) Original Proceeding
2) Mandamus
3)

Originating Court Information:
District: EDNY (CENTRAL ISLIP) : 2:20-cv-3361
Trial Judge: Sanket J. Bulsara, U.S. District Judge
Magistrate Judge: Anne Y. Shields, Magistrate Judge
Date Filed: 09/04/2026
Date Rec'd COA: 09/04/2026

Prior Cases:
None

Current Cases:
None

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE*

I, Lidia M. Orrego, hereby certify under penalty of perjury that on October 29, 2026, I served a true and correct copy of the following documents:

- Affirmation in Further Support of Mandamus Petition

by ACMS and email to the following parties:

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