

Pro Se Effort to Enjoin Mayoral Election

Brown v. Glynn County Board of Elections and Voter Registration (Anthony A. Alaimo, S.D. Ga. 2:05-cv-218)

At approximately 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 4, 2005, a would-be candidate for mayor of Brunswick filed a pro se federal complaint in the Southern District of Georgia seeking a rescheduled mayoral election with herself on the ballot.¹ She also styled her complaint as a motion for a temporary restraining order and a notice of removal of a state court case in which the court had ruled against her.² The state court had affirmed a ruling by the county's board of elections that she had not been a resident of Brunswick for long enough to be mayor.³

Judge Anthony A. Alaimo had already left for the weekend when the complaint arrived.⁴ On Monday afternoon, he heard the case and denied the plaintiff a new election.⁵ He granted her an order requiring the county to preserve and tally all write-in ballots.⁶ The plaintiff did not prevail in the election.⁷ Judge Alaimo approved a voluntary dismissal of the case on April 18, 2006.⁸

1. [Complaint](#), *Brown v. Glynn Cnty. Bd. of Elections & Voter Registration*, No. 2:05-cv-218 (S.D. Ga. Nov. 4, 2005), D.E. 1; [Injunction Order](#) at 1, *id.* (Nov. 8, 2005), D.E. 7.

2. [Complaint](#), *supra* note 1.

3. [Complaint Attachments](#), *Brown*, No. 2:05-cv-218 (S.D. Ga. Nov. 4, 2005), D.E. 1.

4. [Injunction Order](#), *supra* note 1, at 1; Transcript at 2, *Brown*, No. 2:05-cv-218 (S.D. Ga. Nov. 7, 2005, filed Nov. 17, 2005), D.E. 8.

Judge Alaimo died on December 30, 2009. Federal Judicial Center Biographical Directory of Federal Judges, <http://www.fjc.gov/history/home.nsf/page/judges.html>.

5. [Injunction Order](#), *supra* note 1, at 2; Transcript, *supra* note 4; [Minutes](#), *Brown*, No. 2:05-cv-218 (S.D. Ga. Nov. 7, 2005), D.E. 6.

6. [Injunction Order](#), *supra* note 1, at 2–3; Transcript, *supra* note 4, at 3–4; *see* Saeed Ahmed, *Ex-Black Panther Wins Ruling on Write-In Votes*, *Atlanta J. & Const.*, Nov. 8, 2005, at B5.

7. *See Across Georgia*, *Augusta Chron.*, Nov. 20, 2005, at B3.

8. [Dismissal](#), *Brown*, No. 2:05-cv-218 (S.D. Ga. Apr. 18, 2006), D.E. 17.