

Unsuccessful Attempt to Block Electoral College Votes

Shtino v. Carlin

(Alexander Williams, Jr., D. Md. 8:00-cv-3699)

The district court denied a December 21, 2000, pro se complaint to enjoin presentation of Florida's electoral votes.

Subject: Voting irregularities. *Topics:* Electoral College; enjoining certification; pro se party.

A pro se plaintiff filed a federal complaint in the District of Maryland on December 21, 2000, to enjoin the Archivist of the United States, whose office is in Maryland, from presenting Florida's Electoral College votes.¹ Judge Alexander Williams, Jr., denied the plaintiff relief that same day.²

Following Congress's January 6, 2001, certification³ of the December 18, 2000, Electoral College vote in favor of George W. Bush,⁴ Judge Williams dismissed the action on January 8.⁵ Judge Williams denied a motion for reconsideration on February 21.⁶

1. Docket Sheet, *Shtino v. Carlin*, No. 8:00-cv-3699 (D. Md. Dec. 21, 2000) (D.E. 1); Dismissal Order, *id.* (Jan. 8, 2001), D.E. 3.

2. Docket Sheet, *supra* note 1 (D.E. 3).

Judge Williams retired on January 3, 2014. Federal Judicial Center Biographical Directory of Article III Federal Judges, www.fjc.gov/history/judges.

3. See Alison Mitchell, *Over Some Objections, Congress Certifies Electoral Vote*, N.Y. Times, Jan. 7, 2001, at 17.

4. See Charles Babington, *Electors Reassert Their Role*, Wash. Post, Dec. 19, 2000, at A1.

5. Dismissal Order, *supra* note 1.

6. Reconsideration Denial, *Shtino*, No. 8:00-cv-3699 (D. Md. Feb. 21, 2001), D.E. 6.