**Central District of Illinois**

**Civil prisoner cases needing Pro Bono Counsel – UPDATED APRIL 2025**

**Any attorney interested in helping as Pro Bono counsel may contact the Pro Bono Coordinator for the Central District of Illinois, Marleen Cooke at 217‐492‐5204 or Marleen\_Cooke@ilcd.uscourts.gov.**

**The Central District of Illinois Plan for Recruitment of Counsel has a cap of $1,000.00 for reimbursement of expenses.**

**22-4097 Winston v Donathan, et al**

**Plaintiff Winston claims that Defendants denied him his Fourteenth Amendment rights by refusing to provide him with a copy of the altered and original incident report, depriving him of his ability to defend himself against the charges, and withholding or destroying exculpatory evidence. As a result, Plaintiff alleges that he cannot obtain a fair hearing before the Behavioral Committee at Rushville and that his sentence or detention at Rushville could be unlawfully extended.**

**23-1323 – Knox v Miller, et al. ,**

**Plaintiff Knox is incarcerated in the Joliet Treatment Center and has mental health issues. He also says that he recently suffered a stroke and cannot move the left side of his body. Pursuant to Merit Order this case proceeds against Defendants Lt. Miller, Lt. Devine, Sgt. Bailey, C/O Lawrence, and C/O Davis for using excessive force against him in violation of his Eighth Amendment rights. There is a motion for summary judgment pending requiring a response.**

**23-3348 Carter v Greene, et al.**

**Plaintiff Carter is incarcerated at Pinckneyville Correctional Center pursuant to Merit Review this case shall proceed on (1) an Eighth Amendment failure to protect claim against Defendants Spears, Shoop, and Klingele; (2) an Eighth Amendment failure to intervene claim against Defendant Klingele; (3) an Eighth Amendment deliberate indifference claim against Defendant Shoop; (4) a First Amendment retaliation claim against Defendant Greene; (5) an Illinois state law claim of intentional infliction of emotional distress against Defendant Klingele;and (6) an Illinois state law claim of battery against Defendant Klingele.**

**24-1081 Braboy**

**Plaintiff Braboy is currently incarcerated at Lawrence Correctional Center and alleges Defendants at Pontiac Correctional Center violated his rights.** **Pursuant to its merit review of the Complaint, the Court finds Plaintiff states an Eighth Amendment claim for deliberate indifference to a serious medical need against Defendant Dryeale and an Eighth Amendment claim for unconstitutional conditions of confinement against Defendant Nurse.**

**24-3208 Mines v Wexford, et al**

**Plaintiff Mines is housed at Western Illinois CC, and has two claims: (1) a claim for deliberate indifference towards his serious medical needs in violation of his Eighth Amendment rights against several individual Defendants and (2) a Monell claim against Wexford. The case is still in the discovery phase.**