

Central District of Illinois

Civil prisoner cases needing Pro Bono Counsel – updated September 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.

21-1228 Rico v Howe

Plaintiff Miguel Rico is incarcerated at Pontiac Correctional Center and pursues a cause of action for failure to protect and deliberate indifference to his serious medical needs (1) a serious risk that he would harm himself, and 2) his medical needs due to self-harm, at Pontiac Correctional Center.))

21-4120 Jones v Lamb

Plaintiff Jones is incarcerated at Hill Correctional Center and brings two claims challenging his conditions of confinement against nurse Amanda Lamb. Jones alleges that he was unable to exhaust administrative remedies as to one of his claims—a claim that Lamb refused to provide him medical treatment—because prison officials never delivered him responses to his related grievances. Evidentiary hearing set for 10/10/2025.

23-3009 – Poe v Lingering, et al

Plaintiff Joshua Poe is incarcerated at Pontiac Correctional Center and pursues a conditions-of-confinement claim in violation of Plaintiff's Eighth Amendment rights. The Court has granted summary judgment in all named Defendants' favor except for Sgt. Kirk. As for Sgt. Kirk, Judge Bruce has entered a default against Sgt. Kirk under Federal Rule 55(a) based upon his failure to file an answer or to appear in this case after the clerk effected service of process on Sgt. Kirk. Therefore, an attorney is needed to try to establish Plaintiff's damages against Sgt. Kirk based upon Plaintiff's Eighth Amendment claim against him.

23-3020 Poe v Kirk

Plaintiff Joshua Poe is incarcerated at Pontiac Correctional Center and alleges Defendant prison guard digitally sexually assaulted Plaintiff as he slept. Defendant prison guard denies allegation

and demands jury trial. Currently set for jury trial on 10/6/25, Court likely to accommodate counsel's schedule if counsel requests brief continuance to prepare for trial.

23-4185 Bailey v Glossip, et al.

Plaintiff Adrian Bailey states a First Amendment claim for a violation of his right to receive information against Defendants Gomez, Glossip, Abernathy, and Harlen, a due process claim against Defendants Steward, Glossip, Abernathy, and Johnson, and a Fourteenth Amendment claim for inadequate medical care against Defendants Wilson and Glossip.

24-1054 Reid v Paul, et a.

Plaintiff Reid is incarcerated at Pontiac Correctional Center. Plaintiff alleges an Eighth Amendment deliberate indifference claim that a Mental Health Placement Review Committee at Pontiac, comprised of Defendants Paul and additional Doe members, terminated his mental health treatment without reason.

24-3149 Miller v Trusewych

The Plaintiff Terrance Miller is incarcerated at Lawrence Correctional Center and has a single claim for deliberate indifference towards a serious medical need against Dr. Trusewych, who is the only defendant.

24-3188 Boyce v Green, et al.

Plaintiff Boyce is incarcerated at Western Illinois Correctional Center. Plaintiff explains that he has a Learning disability and has been diagnosed as "seriously mentally ill" ("SMI") with dyslexia, schizophrenia, attention deficit disorder ("ADD"), and depression. Plaintiff's case continues to proceed on Eighth Amendment deliberate indifference and conditions of confinement claims against Defendants Hays and Swaim and a claim under RLUIPA against Defendant John Doe. Additional claims shall not be included in the case, except at the Court's discretion on motion by a party for good cause shown or under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure.

24-4069 Laboy V Adams

The Plaintiff Hector Laboy is incarcerated at Hills Correctional Center and pursues a cause of action on four claims: (1) an excessive force claim in violation of his Eighth Amendment rights against Defendant C/O Austin Adams; (2) a civil assault claim against C/O Adams under Illinois law; (3) a civil battery claim against C/O Adams under Illinois law; and (4) a Due Process claim

in violation of his Fourteenth Amendment rights against Defendants Lt. Alexander Stuart and C/O Jamar Range.

25-1030 – Rico v Doe, et al.

Plaintiff Miguel Rico is incarcerated at Pontiac Correctional Center and pursues (1) an excessive force claim and (2) a claim of deliberate indifference towards his medical needs, both in violation of his Eighth Amendment rights against defendant(s) John Doe.