

## Central District of Illinois

### Civil cases needing Pro Bono Counsel

December 15, 2020

**17-1446 Ismael Zuno v Riliwan Ojelade Et Al:** Plaintiff is alleging an Eighth Amendment claim for deliberate indifference to a serious medical need by failing to appropriately treat his ulcerative colitis. Plaintiff has survived summary judgment and this case is set for a Status Conference on Jan. 11, 2021 at 9:30am by telephone conference. The case is ready for trial and once pro bono counsel is secured a jury trial date will be set before Chief Judge Sara Darrow.

**11-3320 Michael Hughes v Steve Dredge Et Al:** Plaintiff Hughes was previously represented by pro bono counsel who had to withdraw due to health issues. Plaintiff proceeds pro se on his constitutional claim that the Rushville Treatment and Detention Center provided him inedible food by serving mechanically separated chicken. He also pursues a constitutional claim arising from the alleged unsanitary food service practices at the facility. Plaintiff has survived summary judgment and this case will be set for jury trial before Judge Harold A. Baker once pro bono counsel is secured. Please note: there have been some settlement negotiations in this case.

**20-3019 Dayne Woods v Kate Daniels Et Al:** Plaintiff Dayne Wood is pursuing a claim for failure to protect him from an inmate attack and for the lack of medical care for his injuries suffered from the attack. Discovery is proceeding and the discovery deadline is 2/26/21 with dispositive motions due 3/31/21. Plaintiff asserts that he cannot read or write and was getting help with his pleadings from other inmates who have now been moved. This case is proceeding in front of Judge Sue E. Myerscough.

Any attorney interested in helping as Pro Bono counsel may contact the Pro Bono Coordinator for the Central District of Illinois, Denise Koester at 217-492-4027 or [denise\\_koester@ilcd.uscourts.gov](mailto:denise_koester@ilcd.uscourts.gov)

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