

Central District of Illinois
Civil cases needing Pro Bono Counsel
June 1, 2021

19-2321 Daniel Garza v Wexford Health Et Al, Plaintiff alleges that Defendants violated his constitutional rights at both Danville and Lincoln Correctional Centers when they were deliberately indifferent to his serious medical condition, a hernia. Plaintiff also alleges that Wexford had a policy and practice of delaying or failing to approve hernia surgery in order to save costs. Plaintiff just recently received surgery. Discovery is closed, but the Court might be receptive to re-opening discovery if pro bono counsel is recruited and finds that it is necessary.

20-3141 John G. Gilbert v Rob Jeffreys Et Al, Plaintiff's case centers around indifference to post-surgical needs, delays in diagnosing and treating a foot/ankle fracture, failure to accommodate Plaintiff's disability and retaliation. The Court is seeking pro bono counsel for the sole purpose of assisting plaintiff with filing an Amended Complaint.

19-2106 Calvin A. Grissom v Lake Land College, Plaintiff has only one claim and one Defendant remaining in his case. Plaintiff alleges that Defendant Williams retaliated against him in violation of his First Amendment rights. Defendant has filed a Motion for Summary Judgment which is currently pending so pro bono counsel would need to file a response to that before the case moves forward.

18-4235 Antonio Sustaita v John Guanzon Et Al, Plaintiff alleges that Defendants seized his legal materials and that no reason was given for the confiscation. This incident allegedly occurred two days before Plaintiff's deposition in another of Plaintiff's pending cases and after Plaintiff had just made many copies of legal papers he needed for that deposition. Plaintiff contends that the incident was motivated by retaliation for Plaintiff's lawsuits or other protected First Amendment activity. Plaintiff also contends that the loss of his legal papers denied him access to the Courts. This case is ready for trial and is set for Final Pretrial on 9/13/21 and Jury Trial on 9/21/21.

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

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