

Central District of Illinois
Civil cases needing Pro Bono Counsel
May 3, 2021

19-1340 Joe Fezell v Wexford Health Sources Et Al, Plaintiff alleges an Eighth Amendment claim against Defendants for deliberate indifference to Plaintiff's serious medical needs. Plaintiff states that doctors at the Cook County Jail determined that Plaintiff needed surgery for hemorrhoids, but Plaintiff was transferred to IDOC before the surgery could occur. Instead of sending Plaintiff for surgery, Defendants substituted their own conservative protocol for treating Plaintiff's hemorrhoids causing Plaintiff to suffer pain, swelling, bleeding and difficulty breathing, eventually resulting in Plaintiff's hospitalization for a blood transfusion. In April 2019, Plaintiff had hemorrhoid surgery, a delay of four years since the need for surgery was first identified. District Judge Sue E. Myerscough is presiding over this case and would seek pro bono counsel for the limited purpose of responding to the pending Summary Judgment Motion.

18-1347 and 20-1152 Robin W. Hickman v Dr. Kelly Renzi Et Al and Robin W. Hickman v Teri Kennedy Et Al, Plaintiff Hickman has two cases pending in the Central District of Illinois. In case 18-1347, Plaintiff claims that Defendant Renzi acted with deliberate indifference towards his serious mental health needs. In case 20-1152, Plaintiff claims that IDOC violated his rights under the Americans With Disabilities Act, and he also claims that Defendant Warden Kennedy retaliated against him in violation of his First Amendment rights. Plaintiff claims that he has Asperger Syndrome, along with other mental deficiencies and is having other inmates assist him with his litigation. Plaintiff is currently housed in the Pontiac Correctional Center and both cases are in the process of discovery.

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

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