

Central District of Illinois

Civil prisoner cases needing Pro Bono Counsel

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.

21-1295 Robinson v Wexford

Plaintiff Robinson is an inmate at Illinois River Correctional Center. Plaintiff Robinson has two claims: (1) a claim for deliberate indifference to his serious medical needs in violation of his Eighth Amendment rights and (2) a First Amendment retaliation claim. Plaintiff alleges that in August 2019 he was diagnosed with kidney cancer which defendants failed to monitor and treat. Plaintiff additionally alleges that defendants failed to adequately summon help for him in retaliation for helping other inmates file grievances.

21-1325 McNeal v Wexford

Plaintiff McNeal is an inmate at Illinois River Correctional Center. Plaintiff has two claims: (1) a deliberate indifference towards his serious medical needs against the individually named Defendants and a Monell claim against Wexford. Plaintiff alleges that he has suffered from shoulder pain for years which was ignored which required subsequent surgery. Plaintiff claims that defendants knew of his need for surgery but denied or delayed his requests for surgery.

19-3068 Adair v Watson, et al.

Status conference is set for April 17, 2023. Trial set for 5/2/2023. Plaintiff has three remaining claims involving Defendants at Western Illinois Correctional Center.

- 1) Defendant Correctional Officers Kennan Smith and Mark Ruffcorn administered pepper spray without justification on December 11, 2017.
- 2) Based on Plaintiff's complaints, Defendants Kennan Smith, Tyler Dralle, and Mark Ruffcorn retaliated against Plaintiff from December 11, 2017, to January 30, 2018 when Plaintiff was denied a mattress and blanket for three days and provided empty food trays. Defendant Dralle then provided a mattress, but poured water on it. Defendant Dralle also destroyed Plaintiff's property on December 24, 2017, and again on January 9, 2018.
- 3) Defendant Smith came to Plaintiff's cell on January 9, 2018 and punched him in the face.

20-3158 Scaggs v Volk

Plaintiff Scraggs is currently incarcerated at Joliet Treatment Center but the allegations that form the basis of this case occurred while he was housed at Western Illinois Correctional Center. Case proceeds on one count of excessive force against Defendants Volk and Ham. Plaintiff alleges that defendants assaulted him as he was being escorted back from a mental health counseling session. Trial set for May 2, 2023.

22-4028 Pacheco v Glossip

Plaintiff Pacheco has a single claim of excessive force against defendants. Plaintiff alleges defendants improperly restrained him without cause or justification and recorded him in an attempt to humiliate him.

Piper v Marcowitz – 21-4193

Plaintiff Piper is a civil detainee at Rushville Treatment and Detention Center. Plaintiff Piper alleges that he was refused medical care or treatment for a back injury which resulted in a second back surgery in violation of his Due Process rights.

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