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.

18-1191 - Craig Herrick v Clark

Plaintiff Herrick is currently incarcerated in Pinckneyville Correctional Center but the claims arise out of incident while incarcerated at Western Illinois Correctional Center. Plaintiff seeks access to crime-scene evidence from his criminal trial for short tandem repeat DNA testing.

22-1178 Layne v Butler, et al.

Plaintiff who is currently imprisoned at the IDOC's Pontiac Correctional Center ("Pontiac"). Plaintiff alleges that Defendants have unreasonably and unconstitutionally exposed him to the coronavirus. Plaintiff claims that he has contracted long haul COVID and that he continues to suffer both physically and mentally from the coronavirus. The Court finds that the Complaint states a claim against Defendants for violating his Eighth Amendment rights based upon the conditions of his confinement at Pontiac.

21-2178 Hurtado-Meza v. Cannataro, et al.

Plaintiff alleges he was a federal pretrial detainee at the Jerome Combs Detention Center. Plaintiff alleges Defendants at Jerome Combs Detention Center were aware that he was a diabetic and required daily insulin. Plaintiff developed an infection in his right toe and repeatedly advised staff. Plaintiff admits he was given an antibiotic, but says he was only given one pill. A few days later he was rushed to the hospital with gangrene and his toe was amputated. Plaintiff notes he does not communicate as well in English because it is a second language for him. Plaintiff also states he does not have a high school degree and has limited knowledge of the legal system. He has one surviving, fourteenth amendment claim concerning the failure to provide adequate medical care against six Defendants. The Defendants have filed a motion for summary judgment, so counsel would need to file a response.

20-4081 Guzman v Wexford Health Sources, Inc., et al.

Plaintiff Guzman is currently incarcerated in Hill Correctional Center. Plaintiff claims deliberate indifference to his serious medical needs. Plaintiff alleges that he broke his pinky finger in March 2019 and that defendants delayed proper treatment for four months. Defendants also allegedly delayed or denied physical therapy prescribed by the surgeon.