

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Marti Addams-More,

Plaintiff,

v.

Alberto R. Gonzales *et al.*,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 07 2022

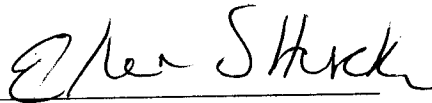
MEMORANDUM OPINION

This matter is before the Court on its initial review of plaintiff's *pro se* complaint, which is submitted with an application for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The Court will grant the *in forma pauperis* application and dismiss the case because the complaint fails to meet the minimal pleading requirements of Rule 8(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

*Pro se* litigants must comply with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. *Jarrell v. Tisch*, 656 F. Supp. 237, 239 (D.D.C. 1987). Rule 8(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires complaints to contain “(1) a short and plain statement of the grounds upon which the court's jurisdiction depends [and] (2) a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 8 (a); *see Ciralsky v. CIA*, 355 F.3d 661, 668-71 (D.C. Cir. 2004). The Rule 8 standard ensures that defendants receive fair notice of the claim being asserted so that they can prepare a responsive answer and an adequate defense and determine whether the doctrine of *res judicata* applies. *Brown v. Califano*, 75 F.R.D. 497, 498 (D.D.C. 1977).

Plaintiff, a resident of Beverly Hills, California, sues former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales and various other individuals and entities. Although plaintiff invokes the Constitution

and federal law as part of her caption, she has not alleged any facts. Because the complaint fails to provide adequate notice of a claim, it will be dismissed by separate Order issued contemporaneously.

  
United States District Judge

Date: 11/1, 2007