

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Marti Addams-More,

Plaintiff,

v.

Mutual of Omaha *et al.*,

Defendants.

Civil Action No.

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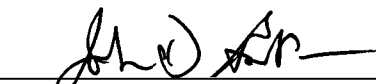
MEMORANDUM OPINION

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 for the court's jurisdiction [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 various defendants for billions of dollars in damages under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), 18 U.S.C. § 1961 *et seq.* The complaint allegations are too vague and confusing to provide

adequate notice of a claim under the RICO statute or any other federal law. The complaint therefore will be dismissed by separate Order issued contemporaneously.


United States District Judge

Date: January 2, 2008