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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Anatoly Rozenblat,

Plaintiff,

v.

Jon W. Dudas,

Defendant.

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Civil Action No. 08 1909

MEMORANDUM OPINION

This matter is before the Court on its initial review of plaintiff's *pro se* complaint and 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 Chicago, Illinois, sues the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, but for what

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is unclear. Because the complaint fails to provide any notice of a claim, it will be dismissed by separate Order issued contemporaneously with this Memorandum Opinion.



United States District Judge

Date: October 3, 2008