

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT

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Maria Lurdes Prior Pereira,

Plaintiff,

v.

Federal Court of Federal Claims *et al.*,

Defendants.  
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Civil Action No.

09 1175

MEMORANDUM OPINION

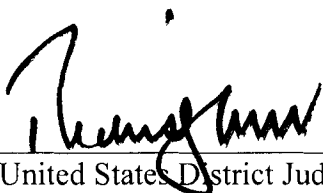
This matter is before the Court on its initial review of plaintiff's *pro se* complaint and application for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The Court will grant the *in forma pauperis* application and dismiss the case because the complaint fails to meet the minimal pleading requirements of Rule 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 District of Columbia resident, sues the United States Court of Federal Claims for what may be adverse rulings, but she also names as defendants Treasury Secretary Timothy

Geithner and the Department of Justice. Plaintiff seeks \$112.5 billion. The complaint allegations are incomprehensible and, thus, fail to provide any notice of a claim and the basis of this Court's jurisdiction. A separate order of dismissal accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

Date: June 26, 2009

  
United States District Judge