

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Joseph Slovynec,

Plaintiff,

v.

Ronald Meisburg,

Defendant.

Civil Action No.


10 1430

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 Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 129 S.Ct. 1937, 1950 (2009); *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 former General Counsel of the National Labor Relations for allegedly influencing “Yvonne Dixon to write a letter of March 23, 2010 with false statements” Compl. at 1. The attached letter to which plaintiff objects was written in response to his inquiry about appealing an adverse decision with regard to an alleged unfair labor practice. The complaint provides no notice of a claim or the basis of this Court’s jurisdiction. *See Beverly Health and Rehabilitation Services, Inc. v. Feinstein*, 103 F.3d 151, 153-54 (D.C. Cir. 1996) (“the National Labor Relations Act does not permit the district court to exercise jurisdiction over the decision of the General Counsel of the NLRB to issue an unfair labor practice complaint”). A separate Order of dismissal accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.


United States District Judge

Date: August 12, 2010