

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Clerk, U.S. District and  
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KAREN F. LONG,

Plaintiff,

v.

PATRICK E. McFARLAND,

Defendant.

Civil Action No.

10-1503

**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

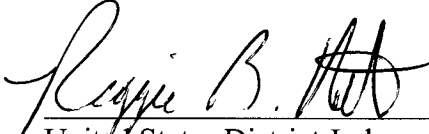
For purposes of this Memorandum Opinion and Order, the Court consolidates four separate complaints, each submitted with an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. After review of each complaint, the Court concludes that dismissal of all four complaints is warranted.

Rule 8(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires that a complaint contain a short and plain statement of the grounds upon which the court's jurisdiction depends, a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief, and a demand for judgment for the relief the pleader seeks. Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a). The purpose of the minimum standard of Rule 8 is to give fair notice to the defendants of the claim being asserted, sufficient to prepare a responsive answer, to prepare an adequate defense and to determine whether the doctrine of *res judicata* applies. *Brown v. Califano*, 75 F.R.D. 497, 498 (D.D.C. 1977).

Plaintiff's complaints fail to comply with the minimal requirements of Rule 8(a). Neither the court nor the purported defendants can discern the nature or basis of plaintiff's claims, and the defendants cannot prepare an adequate defense based on what the plaintiff has alleged. Nor is the basis of the Court's jurisdiction clear. As drafted, the complaints fail to comply with Rule 8(a), and, accordingly, the four consolidated complaints will be dismissed.

An Order consistent with this Memorandum Opinion will be issued separately on this same date.

Date: *August 30, 2010*

  
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United States District Judge