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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Derian Douglas Hickman,

Plaintiff,

v.

INTEL *et al.*,

Defendants.

Civil Action No.

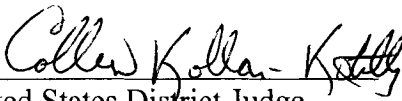
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MEMORANDUM OPINION

This matter is before the Court on its initial review of plaintiff's *pro se* complaint 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 INTEL, Cisco Systems, Microsoft and Dell for “return of buildings and equipment [and] any revenue due including patent, trademark and copyright use fees” Compl. at 1. He seeks \$100 million. Plaintiff does not state any facts implicating the named defendants in any wrongdoing and, thus, fails to provide any notice of a claim. Hence, the complaint will be dismissed. A separate Order accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.


United States District Judge

Date: February 10th, 2011