UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Derian Douglas Hickman,

Plaintiff,

v.

INTEL *et al.*,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 11-376

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.

P*ro 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.

Colleen Kollar-Kotelly
United States District Judge

Date: February 10th, 2011