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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Toni Patricia Irons Burley,

Plaintiff,

v.

United States Government *et al.*,

Defendants.

Civil Action No.

11 1093

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 resident of Kingston, New York, sues the United States, President Barack Obama “and administration,” and the State of New Jersey. She seeks \$19 million for “stress.” Compl. at 3. In the complaint, plaintiff mentions fraud, bribery, conspiracy, and constitutional rights, but she states no coherent facts to provide any notice of a claim. A separate Order of dismissal accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

Date: June 10, 2011



United States District Judge