

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Courts for the District of Columbia

Reema Rahman,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.)
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Basma Esseddiq,)
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Defendant.)
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Civil Action No.

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MEMORANDUM OPINION

This matter is before the Court on plaintiff's *pro se* complaint and application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The Court will grant plaintiff's application and dismiss the complaint for lack of subject matter jurisdiction.

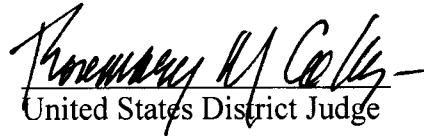
The subject matter jurisdiction of the federal district courts is limited and is set forth generally at 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1332. Under those statutes, federal jurisdiction is available only when a "federal question" is presented or the parties are of diverse citizenship and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000. A party seeking relief in the district court must at least plead facts that bring the suit within the court's jurisdiction. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a). Failure to plead such facts warrants dismissal of the action. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(h)(3).

Plaintiff is a resident of Columbia, Maryland, suing a resident of the District of Columbia for alleged unpaid loans. She demands \$2,150.00. The complaint does not present a federal question and the amount in controversy is way below the minimum amount to bring this case

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within the Court's diversity jurisdiction.¹ A separate Order of dismissal accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.


United States District Judge

DATE: January 31, 2013

¹ Plaintiff's recourse lies, if at all, in the District of Columbia courts.