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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mark S. Ciriello,

Plaintiff,

v.

Executive Office of the President,

Defendant.

Case: 1:14-cv-01932

Assigned To : Unassigned

Assign. Date : 11/17/2014

Description: Pro Se Gen. Civil

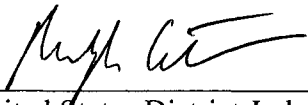
MEMORANDUM OPINION

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 is a resident of Waterbury, Connecticut, who has named the Executive Office of the President as the sole defendant to this action. *See* Compl. Caption. The complaint consists of a narrative about events that have nothing to do with the named defendant. Plaintiff indicates that he is filing here because a judge in the District of Connecticut has “banned” him from filing claims in that court absent his filing of “certain paper work[.]” Compl. at 1. The instant complaint and inexplicable attachments fail to provide any notice of a claim. A separate Order of dismissal accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

Date: November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014

  
United States District Judge