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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Annette DeBerry,	) bankruptcy Courts
Plaintiff,	) Case: 1:16-cv-01095 Jury Demand
v.	Assigned To : Unassigned Assign. Date : 6/13/2016
United States House Speaker et al.,	Description: Pro Se Gen. Civil (F Deck)
Defendants.	)

## 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, 556 U.S. 662, 678-79 (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 Adel, Georgia. She sues the Speaker of the House, "Congressmen," and "Bobby Rhodes." Compl. Caption. Plaintiff does not allege any facts about the named defendants. Rather, she accuses "alien bankers of Bank of America of Quitman, Georgia" of denying her constitutional rights. Compl. at 2. The cryptic allegations appear to arise from a dispute over an estate in Georgia. The complaint simply fails to provide any notice of a claim against the named defendants. Accordingly, this case will be dismissed. A separate order accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

Date: June <u>10</u>, 2016

United States District Judge