

**Central District of Illinois
Civil prisoner cases needing Pro Bono Counsel – July 2024**

Any attorney interested in helping as Pro Bono counsel may contact the Pro Bono Coordinator for the Central District of Illinois, Marleen Cooke at 217-492-5204 or Marleen_Cooke@ilcd.uscourts.gov.

The Central District of Illinois Plan for Recruitment of Counsel has a cap of \$1,000.00 for reimbursement of expenses.

20-1455 Talley v Hart

Plaintiff Talley's claims pertain to his incarceration at Pontiac Correctional Center. Plaintiff asserts an Eighth Amendment claim for deliberate indifference to a serious medical need against a prison doctor who allegedly caused an approximate 6-month delay in sending Plaintiff to an outside specialist for treatment of his diagnosed gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD). The prison doctor died while this lawsuit was pending, and the administrator of his estate has been substituted as a defendant. Currently pending before the Court are Defendant's motions to permit testimony by video and to present a deposition transcript into evidence in lieu of live testimony. Final pretrial conference and jury trial dates will be scheduled at a later date.

23-1170 Hickman v Johnson

Plaintiff Hickman's claims pertain to his incarceration at Pontiac Correctional Center. Plaintiff says that he is autistic, and he suffers from various medical conditions. He has two claims: (1) a deliberate indifference claim in violation of his Eighth Amendment rights against Defendants Nurse Johnson, the Estate of Dr. Andrew Tilden, and the former Dietary Managers at Pontiac and (2) a Monell claim against Defendant Wexford Health Sources, Inc.

21-1197 Croom v Kennedy

Plaintiff Croom's claims pertain to his incarceration at Pontiac Correctional Center. The case is proceeding to trial in October 2024 on Plaintiff's claim of deliberate indifference based upon the conditions of his confinement at Pontiac.

23-1221 Trainauskas v Blackwell

Plaintiff Trainauskas' claims pertain to his incarceration at Pontiac Correctional Center. The case is still in the discovery phase. The Plaintiff has three claims: (1) an excessive force claim in violation of his Eighth Amendment rights against Defendants Blackwell and Roberts; (2) a

failure to protect claim in violation of his Eighth Amendment rights against Defendant Cox; and (3) a Due Process claim in violation of his Fourteenth Amendment rights against Defendant Warden Jackson.

21-3037 Dyjak v Miller

Plaintiff Dyjak's proceeds pro se as a patient of McFarland Mental Health Center. Plaintiff is proceeding on a single claim against Defendants for violating his Due Process rights under the Fourteenth Amendment based upon the conditions of his confinement.

21-3074 Dyjak v Kluzek

Plaintiff Dyjak's proceeds pro se as a patient of McFarland Mental Health Center. Plaintiff is proceeding on a single claim against Defendants for violating his Due Process rights under the Fourteenth Amendment based upon the conditions of his confinement.

23-3275 Mendoza v Mitchell, et al.

Plaintiff Mendoza's claims pertain to his post-conviction detention at the DeWitt County Jail, waiting transport to IDOC. Plaintiff Mendoza states an Eighth Amendment claim for failure to protect against Defendants Correctional Officers Mitchell and Chapman.

21-4160 Price v Osmundson

Plaintiff Price's claims pertain to his incarceration at Hill Correctional Center. Plaintiff proceeds on a deliberate indifference to his serious medical needs claim against Dr. Osmundson.

