

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF RAMSEY

DISTRICT COURT
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File No. _____

Case Type: _____

Plaintiff,

v.

Defendant(s).

**AFFIDAVIT OF ATTORNEY
TO REQUEST FEE WAIVER (IN
FORMA PAUPERIS)**
(Minn. Stat. § 563.01)

1. My name is _____ and I am an attorney with Volunteer Lawyers Network, a legal services organization that screens clients for financial eligibility based on indigency. I represent Defendant _____ in the above-captioned action.

2. I am submitting this affidavit for proceeding in forma pauperis in the above-captioned action based on Minnesota Statutes § 563.01, Subdivision 3(b), which provides, “Upon a finding by the court that the action is not of a frivolous nature, the court shall allow the person to proceed in forma pauperis if the affidavit is substantially in the language required by this subdivision and is not found by the court to be untrue. Persons meeting the requirements of this subdivision include, but are not limited to, a person who is receiving public assistance described in section 550.37, subdivision 14, who is represented by an attorney on behalf of a civil legal services program or a volunteer attorney program based on indigency, or who has an annual income not greater than 125 percent of the poverty line established under United States Code, title 42, section 9902(2), except as otherwise provided by section 563.02.”

3. I (am including my pleadings with this affidavit) OR (have already filed my pleadings but have not yet paid the filing fee). (*CHOOSE ONE OR THE OTHER*)

4. Defendant is entitled to redress.

5. Defendant is financially unable to pay the associated fees, costs, and/or security costs.

6. This action is not frivolous.

7. I have attached a copy of the Amended Standing Order Granting IFP Status to Parties Represented by an Attorney on Behalf of a Civil Legal Services Program signed by Judge Castro dated February 16, 2024.

I understand that an In Forma Pauperis (IFP) status granted under this order expires one year from the date of the filing of this affidavit, unless otherwise amended or altered by the court. The applicant shall reapply if the applicant seeks to request a fee waiver after the one-year period.

I declare under penalty of perjury that everything I have stated in this document is true and correct.
Minn. Stat. Sec. 358.116.

Dated: _____

County and state where signed

Name

Volunteer Lawyers Network

Attorney Name

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

Attorney No.: _____

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**AMENDED STANDING ORDER GRANTING IFP STATUS
TO PARTIES REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY
ON BEHALF OF A CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Any party in a civil action filed in the Second Judicial District who is represented by an attorney on behalf of a civil legal services program or a volunteer attorney program based on indigency, shall be granted In Forma Pauperis (IFP) status upon the attorney filing an affidavit stating (a) the nature of the action or defense, (b) a belief that the client is entitled to redress, (c) that the client is financially unable to pay the fees, costs and security for costs, and (d) the action is not frivolous.
2. In Forma Pauperis (IFP) status granted under this order expires one year from the date of the filing of the attorney's affidavit, unless otherwise amended or altered by the court. The applicant shall reapply if the applicant seeks to request a fee waiver after the one-year period.
3. This order is effective until vacated or modified.

Dated: February 16, 2024

BY THE COURT:

Castro, Leonardo
(Judge)

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Leonardo Castro
Chief Judge
Second Judicial District