

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Marco Bates, #249552, Appellant,

v.

South Carolina Department of Corrections, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2025-002328

ORDER

On November 18, 2025, Appellant filed a notice of appeal seeking review of a decision by an administrative law judge. Appellant sought to be paid pursuant to the prevailing wage statute for work performed as part of an industry within the South Carolina Department of Corrections. Appellant also filed a motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Because Appellant alleges he has been denied a prevailing wage, we grant his motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*. See *Ex Parte Martin*, 321 S.C. 533, 535, 471 S.E.2d 134, 134-35 (1995) ("Motions to proceed in forma pauperis may be granted only when authorized by statute or required by constitutional provisions."); *Wicker v. S.C. Dep't of Corrs.*, 360 S.C. 421, 424, 602 S.E.2d 56, 58 (2004) (recognizing a state-created property interest in the payment of a prevailing wage).



FOR THE COURT

J.

Columbia, South Carolina

cc:

Marco Bates, 249552

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