

MOTION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Appellate Case No. To Be Assigned

COMES NOW Appellant Julian Richards, pro se, and respectfully moves this Court to allow him to proceed *in forma pauperis* and waive all filing fees and costs in this appeal.

In support thereof, Appellant states:

1. This Court previously granted Appellant's Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis in the Aiken County Court of Common Pleas (Case No. 2025-CP-02-02168). A copy of that Order is attached as **Exhibit A**.
2. Appellant's financial situation has not changed.
3. Requiring Appellant to pay appellate fees would cause undue hardship and deprive him of the necessities of life.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Court grant this Motion, waive all filing fees and costs associated with this appeal, and grant such other relief as the Court deems just.

Respectfully submitted,

Julian Richards



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EXHIBIT A



SOUTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF Aiken)

Midland Credit Management)

Plaintiff,)

vs.)

Dwight Richards)

Defendant.)

IN THE Court of common Pleas

2nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ORDER IN FORMA PAUPERIS

FILE NO. 2025CP0202168

ORDER

Leave is Granted to proceed *in forma pauperis* without payment of the filing fee.

Leave is Granted to proceed *in forma pauperis* without payment of the service cost.

Leave is Denied to proceed *in forma pauperis* pursuant to *Ex parte Martin*, 321 S.C. 533, 471 S.E.2d 134 (1995).

Leave is Denied to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Plaintiff has failed to establish compliance with the Poverty Guidelines pursuant to Rule 3(b)(1), SCRCP.

If denied, this case will be dismissed without further order of the court if the filing fee and associated costs are not paid on or before _____, 20____.

Dated: April 20, 2026

Martha M. Rice
Presiding Judge, 2nd Judicial Circuit

Aiken, South Carolina

NOTICE TO PLAINTIFF: The Court may assess costs against either party at hearing.

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