

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA**

Gremmels v. Apple Inc.

No. 25-cv-03722-LJC (N.D. Cal. June 10, 2025) · No. 25-cv-03722-LJC · Decided June 10, 2025

OPINION

1 2 3 4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 5 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 6 7
CHRISTIAN GREMMELS, Case No. 25-cv-03722-LJC 8 Plaintiff, ORDER REGARDING
RESPONSE TO 9 v. ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE 10 APPLE INC., et al., Re: Dkt. Nos. 7, 9
Defendants. 11 12 13 Before the Court is Plaintiff Christian Gremmels' Response to the Order to
Show Cause 14 and Plaintiff's correspondence regarding PACER fees.

ECF Nos. 7, 9. 15 I. RESPONSE TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE 16 At ECF No. 6, the Court
issued an Order to Show Cause and ordered Plaintiff to file an 17 amended complaint no later than
June 4, 2025. Rather than file an amended Complaint, Plaintiff 18 mailed a response to the Order
to Show Cause to the undersigned magistrate judge, which she 19 received on June 6, 2025.

The Court advises Plaintiff that to file documents via mail, he must 20 send the documents to the
Clerk's Office at United States District Court, 450 Golden Gate Ave., 21 16th Fl., San Francisco,
CA 94102. He cannot mail documents directly to the undersigned for 22 filing.

As a courtesy to Plaintiff, and given Plaintiff's status as a pro se litigant, the Court 23 redirected
Plaintiff's response to the Clerk's Office for filing. His response has since been filed on 24 the
docket. See ECF No. 9. Going forward, any documents mailed to the undersigned rather than 25
the Clerk's Office run the risk of not being filed on the docket.

26 Plaintiff's response includes a number of questions to the undersigned magistrate judge 27
regarding her Order to Show Cause. See ECF No. 9 at 3-5. The Court cannot provide Plaintiff 1
2016 WL 97450, at *2 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 8, 2016) (citing *Pliler v. Ford*, 542 U.S. 225, 231 (2004)). 2
The Court encourages Plaintiff to seek free legal assistance from the Northern District's Legal 3
Help Center as he proceeds with this litigation.

The Legal Help Center can be reached by calling 4 (415) 782-8982 or by emailing
fedpro@sfbbar.org, and appointments can be held in-person or 5 remotely. Plaintiff may also wish
to consult the resources for pro se litigants on the Court's 6 website, [https://cand.uscourts.gov/pro-](https://cand.uscourts.gov/pro-se-litigants/)
se-litigants/, including the manual, "Representing Yourself 7 in Federal Court: A Handbook for
Pro Se Litigants." This manual for pro se litigants can be 8 downloaded from the Court's website
at: <https://cand.uscourts.gov/pro-se-handbook/>.

9 Given Plaintiff's questions regarding the Order to Show Cause, as well as the alleged delay 10 in receiving the Court's Order, the Court extends Plaintiff's deadline to file an amended 11 Complaint to July 28, 2025.

The Court directs Plaintiff to the template and instructions regarding 12 writing and filing a civil complaint, available online at: [https://cand.uscourts.gov/wp- 13 content/uploads/forms/General-Complaint_Packet.pdf](https://cand.uscourts.gov/wp-content/uploads/forms/General-Complaint_Packet.pdf). If Plaintiff does not file an amended 14 Complaint, or if his amended Complaint does not correct the defects identified in the Court's 15 Order to Show Cause at ECF No. 6, the undersigned may recommend dismissal of this action.

16 II. PACER FEE EXEMPTION 17 The Court construes Plaintiff's correspondence regarding PACER fees as a request for a 18 waiver of PACER fees. ECF No. 7. PACER fee exemptions are available only upon a showing 19 that "an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public 20 access to information." Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule ¶ 9, United States Courts (Dec.

31, 21 2019) <https://www.uscourts.gov/court-programs/fees/electronic-public-access-fee-schedule>. 22 Plaintiff has not made such a showing and his application for a PACER fee exemption is DENIED 23 without prejudice.

Although the Court granted Plaintiff's application to proceed in forma 24 pauperis, in forma pauperis status alone does not support a request to waive PACER fees. 25 Plaintiff states that he needs a PACER exemption to electronically file documents on the case 26 docket. ECF No. 7.

However, Plaintiff may file documents electronically without cost by 27 registering as a user on the Court's Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) system. 1 Additionally, Chapter Nine of Representing Yourself in Federal Court: A Handbook for Pro Se 2 || Litigants provides instructions on how to e-file documents. 3 4 IT IS SO ORDERED. 5 Dated: June 10, 2025 6 7 L. J. CI OS 8 ed States Magistrate Judge 9 10 11 a 12 13 15 16 («17 Z 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28