

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

**Kenneth Alico, Ashok Amin, Robert Santa Maria, and Adil Al Yoonus
v. Michael James Marshall, Marshall Energy, Inc., Marshall Energy
Global UK Division, Ltd., and Marshall Energy Global The
Netherlands, B.V.**

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SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of Nebraska orders three plaintiffs to correct procedural deficiencies in the complaint by signing it and either paying the filing fees or submitting applications to proceed in forma pauperis. The order warns that failure to comply by March 20, 2026, will result in their dismissal as parties without prejudice and without further notice.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of Nebraska
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Joseph F. Bataillon
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the District of Nebraska
DECIDED	February 18, 2026
DOCKET	4:26CV3018
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court, on its own motion, reviewed the newly filed complaint and identified signature and filing-fee or in forma pauperis deficiencies as to three plaintiffs.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential district court memorandum and order
PARTIES	Kenneth Alico, Ashok Amin, Robert Santa Maria, Adil Al Yoonus v. Michael James Marshall, Marshall Energy, Inc., Marshall Energy Global UK Division, Ltd., Marshall Energy Global The Netherlands, B.V.

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether plaintiffs who are unrepresented must personally sign the complaint under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11(a).
2. Whether each plaintiff seeking to proceed in forma pauperis must submit an individual application and affidavit under the District of Nebraska's local rule.
3. Whether a non-attorney pro se plaintiff may sign pleadings or represent other plaintiffs.

HOLDINGS

1. Each unrepresented plaintiff must personally sign the complaint or other pleading; a complaint signed by only one of several named pro se plaintiffs is deficient as to the others.
2. When more than one person brings a civil action for which leave to proceed in forma pauperis is requested, each plaintiff must file an application and affidavit or pay the required filing and administrative fees.
3. A non-attorney pro se litigant may represent only himself or herself and may not sign papers or otherwise represent other parties.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“To the extent Alico may be attempting to represent, or sign on behalf of, Amin, Santa Maria, and Yoonus, he cannot do so.”

“FAILURE TO CORRECT THE DEFECTS WITHIN 30 DAYS WILL RESULT IN DISMISSAL OF PLAINTIFFS AMIN, SANTA MARIA, AND YOONUS AS PARTIES TO THIS CASE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The complaint named Kenneth Alico, Ashok Amin, Robert Santa Maria, and Adil Al Yoonus as plaintiffs, but only Alico signed it. Alico filed and obtained approval of an in forma pauperis application, whereas Amin, Santa Maria, and Al Yoonus did not sign the complaint or submit individual applications to proceed without prepayment of fees. The court also found that Alico, a non-attorney pro se litigant, could not sign or represent the other plaintiffs.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiffs filed a complaint on January 23, 2026, but only Kenneth Alico signed it. Alico obtained leave to proceed in forma pauperis, while Amin, Santa Maria, and Al Yoonus neither signed the complaint nor filed individual in forma pauperis applications. The court ordered those three plaintiffs to cure the defects by filing a signed complaint and either paying the filing and administrative fees or submitting individual in forma pauperis requests.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- C.H. by & through Hunt v. Pattonville Sch. Dist., No. 4:21-CV-00443-JCH, 2021 WL 4061106, at *2 (E.D. Mo. Sept. 7, 2021)
- United States v. Brenton, No. 8:04CR262, 2007 WL 3124539, at *1 (D. Neb. Oct. 23, 2007)

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