

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Anthony Brian Mallgren v. United States of America

Mallgren · No. Civil Action No. 1:26-cv-01011 (UNA) · Decided June 1, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of Columbia grants the pro se plaintiff’s application to proceed in forma pauperis but dismisses the complaint without prejudice. The court concludes that the complaint fails to satisfy Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8 because its allegations are unclear, conclusory, and insufficient to establish subject-matter jurisdiction.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of Columbia
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Christopher R. Cooper
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the District of Columbia
DECIDED	June 1, 2026
DOCKET	Civil Action No. 1:26-cv-01011 (UNA)
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	On initial review of a pro se complaint and an application to proceed in forma pauperis, the court granted the application but dismissed the complaint without prejudice.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Initial review of a pro se complaint for compliance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and for the existence of subject matter jurisdiction.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	published
PARTIES	Anthony Brian Mallgren v. United States of America

TOPICS

- pleadings
- subject matter jurisdiction
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- constitutional law

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the pro se complaint complied with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8(a), 8(d)(1), and 10(b).
2. Whether the complaint adequately established the district court's subject matter jurisdiction.
3. Whether the complaint should be dismissed without prejudice on initial review.

HOLDINGS

1. A pro se complaint must comply with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and a complaint consisting of unclear, conclusory, confused, and rambling allegations that fails to provide fair notice does not satisfy Rule 8.
2. A complaint that fails to establish the court's subject matter jurisdiction is subject to dismissal.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“When, as here, a pleading “contains an untidy assortment of claims that are neither plainly nor concisely stated, nor meaningfully distinguished from bold conclusions, sharp harangues and personal comments [,]” it does not fulfill the requirements of Rule 8.”

“A confused and rambling narrative of charges and conclusions . . . does not comply with the requirements of Rule 8.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff, a New York resident, sued the United States based on broad allegations concerning an allegedly lost patent application, government and state institutions, Medicare and Medicaid, education, social services, and alleged violations of human rights. He also sought repeal of the Eleventh Amendment and a declaration that the prohibition of medically assisted suicide is unconstitutional. The court found that the allegations were confused, conclusory, and insufficient to identify a cognizable claim or establish jurisdiction.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff, proceeding pro se, filed a complaint against the United States and applied to proceed in forma pauperis. The district court granted the in forma pauperis application, conducted its initial review, and dismissed the complaint without prejudice because it failed to satisfy Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8 and did not adequately establish subject matter jurisdiction.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- Jarrell v. Tisch, 656 F. Supp. 237, 239–40 (D.D.C. 1987)
- Ashcroft v. Iqbal, 556 U.S. 662, 678–79 (2009)
- Ciralsky v. CIA, 355 F.3d 661, 668–71 (D.C. Cir. 2004)
- Brown v. Califano, 75 F.R.D. 497, 498 (D.D.C. 1977)

- Jiggetts v. District of Columbia, 319 F.R.D. 408, 413 (D.D.C. 2017), *aff'd sub nom. Cooper v. District of Columbia*, No. 17-7021, 2017 WL 5664737 (D.C. Cir. Nov. 1, 2017)
- Cheeks v. Fort Myer Construction Corp., 71 F. Supp. 3d 163, 169 (D.D.C. 2014)
- Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly, 550 U.S. 544, 570 (2007)

OPINION

Mallgren v. United States

PER CURIAM.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ANTHONY BRIAN MALLGREN,)

) Plaintiff,)) v.) Civil Action No. 1:26-cv-01011 (UNA))

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)

) Defendant.)

MEMORANDUM OPINION

This matter is before the Court on its initial review of Plaintiff's pro se Complaint ("Compl."), ECF No. 1, and Application for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis ("IFP"). The Court grants Plaintiff's IFP Application, and for the reasons discussed below, it dismisses the Complaint, and this matter, without prejudice. Plaintiff, a resident of New York, sues the United States. See Compl. at 1. The Complaint is difficult to follow. Plaintiff broadly alleges that the United States has "lost a prior patent application filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office," and has allowed "its justice system to be used by states as a mechanism of sponsorship; the legal argument does not matter. It is an entirely fraudulent institution." See *id.* at 1–2. He contends that this fraud has manifested in the manipulation of Medicare and Medicaid, the educational system, and has spread to state governments, and he believes that participants in government programs are being manipulated. See *id.* at 2. Next, he alleges that the state of New York is "teaching people to malingering to gain access to social services," and "utilizing diagnoses as a method to discredit people." See *id.* He contends that he "has experienced the violation of almost all human rights while in New York, none of which have been resolved," and that "societal dynamics as manifested in the environment drawing out evolutionary regression is sufficient proof that communal life in New York has no purpose." See *id.* at 3. Plaintiff closes the Complaint by advocating for the Court to repeal the Eleventh Amendment and to "declare the prohibition of medically assisted suicide unconstitutional." See *id.* Pro se litigants must comply with the Rules of Civil Procedure, see *Jarrell v. Tisch*, 656 F. Supp. 237, 239–40 (D.D.C. 1987), and here, the Complaint fails to comply with Rule 8(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, which requires a pleading to contain "(1) a short and plain statement of the grounds for the court's jurisdiction [and] (2) a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief." Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a); see *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 556 U.S. 662, 678–79 (2009); *Ciralsky v. CIA*, 355 F.3d 661, 668–71 (D.C. Cir.

2004). The Rule 8 standard ensures that defendants receive fair notice of the claim being asserted so that they can prepare a responsive answer and an adequate defense and determine whether the doctrine of res judicata applies. *Brown v. Califano*, 75 F.R.D. 497, 498 (D.D.C. 1977). Plaintiff's allegations are neither clear nor direct, see Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(d)(1), and the paragraphs are not limited to a single set of circumstances, see Fed. R. Civ. P. 10(b). When, as here, a pleading "contains an untidy assortment of claims that are neither plainly nor concisely stated, nor meaningfully distinguished from bold conclusions, sharp harangues and personal comments [,]" it does not fulfill the requirements of Rule 8. *Jiggetts v. Dist. of Columbia*, 319 F.R.D. 408, 413 (D.D.C. 2017), *aff'd sub nom. Cooper v. Dist. of Columbia*, No. 17-7021, 2017 WL 5664737 (D.C. Cir. Nov. 1, 2017). Put differently, "[a] confused and rambling narrative of charges and conclusions . . . does not comply with the requirements of Rule 8." *Cheeks v. Fort Myer Constr. Corp.*, 71 F. Supp. 3d 163, 169 (D.D.C. 2014) (citation and internal quotation marks omitted). Plaintiff's Complaint falls squarely into this category, failing to provide the Court or the Defendant with adequate notice of a claim, and falling short of establishing the Court's subject matter jurisdiction. See *Bell Atl. Corp. v. Twombly*, 550 U.S. 544, 570 (2007) ("we do not require heightened fact pleading of specifics, but only enough facts to state a claim to relief that is plausible on its face"); see also *Iqbal*, 556 U.S. at 679 (2009) ("Determining whether a complaint states a plausible claim for relief will . . . be a context-specific task that requires the reviewing court to draw on its judicial experience and common sense."). Accordingly, this matter is dismissed without prejudice. A separate Order accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

DATE: June 1, 2026 /s/ CHRISTOPHER R. COOPER

United States District Judge