

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
NEW YORK

5 World Market Tickets; Rhode Island Stock Exchange; Adesijuola
Ogunjobi v. Federal Communications Commission; Brendan Carr, in
his official capacity as Chairman of FCC; Paramount Global;
Skydance Media, LLC

No. 25-CV-6350 (LTS), United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (December 1, 2025)

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Southern District of New York orders pro se plaintiff Adesijuola Ogunjobi to pay the filing fees or submit an application to proceed in forma pauperis within 30 days. The order explains that the named artificial-entity plaintiffs cannot proceed pro se or in forma pauperis, and warns that failure to comply will result in dismissal. The court also denies in forma pauperis status for any appeal.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Laura Taylor Swain
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
DECIDED	December 1, 2025
DOCKET	25-CV-6350 (LTS)
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	At the commencement of the civil action, the court ordered the pro se plaintiff to pay the filing and administrative fees or submit an application to proceed in forma pauperis.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown; district court order with no reporter citation or stated precedential status.

TOPICS

- civil procedure
- pleadings

PRACTICE AREAS

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the plaintiff could commence the civil action without paying the required filing and administrative fees or submitting an application to proceed in forma pauperis.
2. Whether a nonattorney pro se plaintiff may represent artificial entities in federal court or obtain in forma pauperis status on their behalf.

HOLDINGS

1. A civil action may proceed in the court only after the plaintiff pays the required \$405.00 in filing and administrative fees or submits a signed application to proceed in forma pauperis; because Ogunjobi did neither, the court required compliance within thirty days.
2. Artificial entities may not proceed pro se or in forma pauperis in this court, and Ogunjobi, who does not claim to be an attorney, may not appear on behalf of the entity plaintiffs.
3. Any appeal from the order would not be taken in good faith, so in forma pauperis status is denied for purposes of an appeal.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Ogunjobi, proceeding pro se, filed a civil complaint naming the Federal Communications Commission, its chairman, Paramount Global, and Skydance Media, LLC as defendants. The complaint was filed on behalf of Ogunjobi and two entities, 5 World Market Tickets and the Rhode Island Stock Exchange, without payment of the required filing and administrative fees and without an IFP application.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Adesijuola Ogunjobi filed a complaint on their own behalf and purportedly on behalf of two entities without paying the required fees or submitting an IFP application. The court allowed thirty days to pay \$405.00 or submit the attached IFP application, warned that failure to comply would result in dismissal, and directed that no summons issue at that time.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Lattanzio v. COMTA, 481 F.3d 137, 139 (2d Cir. 2007)
- Rowland v. California Men's Colony, 506 U.S. 194, 196 (1993)
- Coppedge v. United States, 369 U.S. 438, 444-45 (1962)

OPINION

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK 5 WORLD MARKET TICKETS; RHODE ISLAND STOCK EXCHANGE; ADESIJUOLA OGUNJOBI Plaintiff, -against- 25-CV-6350 (LTS) FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS ORDER COMMISSION; BRENDAN CARR, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF FCC; PARAMOUNT GLOBAL; SKYDANCE MEDIA, LLC, Defendants. LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN, Chief United States District Judge: Adesijuola Ogunjobi filed this pro se complaint on their own behalf and on behalf of 5 World Market Tickets and the Rhode Island Stock Exchange.

To proceed with a civil action in this Court, a plaintiff must either pay \$405.00 in fees – a \$350.00 filing fee plus a \$55.00 administrative fee – or, to request authorization to proceed without prepayment of fees, submit a signed IFP application. See 28 U.S.C. §§ 1914, 1915. Ogunjobi submitted the complaint without the filing fees or an IFP application. Within thirty days of the date of this order, Ogunjobi must either pay the \$405.00 in fees or submit the attached IFP application.

If Ogunjobi submits the IFP application, it should be labeled with docket number 25-CV-6350. If the Court grants the IFP application, Ogunjobi will be permitted to proceed without prepayment of fees.¹ See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1). 1 Artificial entities cannot proceed pro se or in forma pauperis in this court. *Lattanzio v. COMTA*, 481 F.3d 137, 139 (2d Cir. 2007); See *Rowland v. California Men's Colony*, 506 U.S. 194, 196 (1993).

If Ogunjobi pays the fees or submits an IFP application, Ogunjobi, who does not claim to be an attorney, cannot appear on behalf of the entities named as plaintiffs. No summons shall issue at this time. If Ogunjobi complies with this order, the case shall be processed in accordance with the procedures of the Clerk's Office. If Ogunjobi fails to comply with this order within the time allowed, the action will be dismissed.

The Court certifies under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3) that any appeal from this order would not be taken in good faith, and therefore IFP status is denied for the purpose of an appeal. Cf. *Coppedge v. United States*, 369 U.S. 438, 444–45 (1962) (holding that appellant demonstrates good faith when seeking review of a nonfrivolous issue). SO ORDERED. Dated: December 1, 2025 New York, New York /s/ Laura Taylor Swain LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN Chief United States District Judge