

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)