

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
ILLINOIS

**Presidential Candidate Number P60005535 also known as Ronald
Satish Emrit and Presidential Committee/Political Action
Committee/Separate Segregated Fund Number C00569897 doing
business as United Emrits of America v. US Patent and Trademark
Office et al.**

Presidential Candidate No. P60005535 · No. 3:25-cv-00721-DWD · Decided December 9, 2025

SUMMARY

The Southern District of Illinois denied Plaintiffs' motion to proceed in forma pauperis and dismissed their complaint for lack of subject-matter jurisdiction. The court concluded that the claims concerning alleged interference with efforts to obtain patents for theories involving quantum mechanics, relativity, and astrophysics were frivolous or implausible, and that the complaint failed to establish diversity jurisdiction for the asserted state-law tort claims.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois
WRITING FOR THE COURT	David W. Dugan
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois
DECIDED	December 9, 2025
DOCKET	3:25-cv-00721-DWD
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiffs filed a complaint asserting tortious interference with contract and tortious interference with business relations, along with a motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis. The district court screened the complaint under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2) and dismissed it for lack of federal subject-matter jurisdiction and failure to state a plausible claim.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2), the court independently screened the complaint to determine whether it was frivolous or malicious, failed to state a claim, or sought monetary relief from an immune defendant. The court applied the plausibility standard for failure to state a claim

	and considered whether the allegations supplied a basis for federal subject-matter jurisdiction.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished and nonprecedential
PARTIES	Presidential Candidate Number P60005535 also known as Ronald Satish Emrit, Presidential Committee/Political Action Committee/Separate Segregated Fund Number C00569897 doing business as United Emrits of America v. US Patent and Trademark Office, et al.

TOPICS

subject matter jurisdiction motions to dismiss civil procedure patent law sanctions

PRACTICE AREAS

civil procedure federal jurisdiction in forma pauperis screening patent-related claims tortious interference

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether plaintiffs should be permitted to proceed in forma pauperis under 28 U.S.C. § 1915.
2. Whether the complaint stated a plausible federal claim or otherwise established federal subject-matter jurisdiction.
3. Whether the complaint established diversity jurisdiction for the asserted state-law tortious-interference claims.
4. Whether the complaint was frivolous because the asserted federal claims lacked an arguable basis in law or fact.

HOLDINGS

1. Leave to proceed in forma pauperis was denied because the complaint was subject to dismissal under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B).
2. The complaint failed to state a plausible claim arising under federal law.
3. The complaint did not establish diversity jurisdiction or any other basis for federal subject-matter jurisdiction over plaintiffs' state-law claims.
4. The complaint was dismissed for lack of jurisdiction, and the Clerk was directed to close the case and enter judgment.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Upon review of the Complaint, the Court finds that Plaintiffs have failed to state any plausible claim arising under federal law and have alleged no basis for the exercise of federal jurisdiction over any state-law claims.” (Section II)

“For the aforementioned reasons, the Complaint is DISMISSED for lack of jurisdiction. The Court DIRECTS the Clerk to close the case and to enter judgment accordingly.” (Section III)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiffs alleged that defendants interfered with their efforts to obtain a patent for purported theories concerning quantum mechanics, special relativity, general relativity, and astrophysics. They sought, among other relief, immediate issuance of patents and mandatory adoption of the plaintiff's theories. The complaint did not plead a plausible federal claim, adequately allege the citizenship of the parties, or plead an amount in controversy sufficient to support diversity jurisdiction.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiffs alleged that defendants wrongfully prevented them from obtaining a patent relating to theories involving quantum mechanics, special relativity, general relativity, and astrophysics. After reviewing the complaint under the mandatory in forma pauperis screening statute, the court denied leave to proceed in forma pauperis, dismissed the complaint, directed the Clerk to close the case, and ordered judgment entered.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- Neitzke v. Williams, 490 U.S. 319, 325 (1989)
- Corgain v. Miller, 708 F.2d 1241, 1247 (7th Cir. 1983)
- Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly, 550 U.S. 544, 570 (2007)
- Lucien v. Roegner, 682 F.2d 625, 626 (7th Cir. 1982)
- Denton v. Hernandez, 504 U.S. 25, 32-34 (1992)
- Emrit v. Combs, 2024 WL 199548, at *1 n.1 (E.D. Pa. Jan. 18, 2024)
- Emrit v. Universal Music Grp., No. 3:19-CV-05984-BHS, 2019 WL 6251365, at *1, 2019 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 204613, at *3 (W.D. Wash. Nov. 4, 2019)
- Emrit v. Combs, No. 1:24-cv-129, 2024 WL 1115450, at *1, 2024 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 44998, at *1 (W.D. Mich. Mar. 14, 2024)
- Emrit v. Bd. of Immigr. Appeals, No. 2:22-CV-00110, 2022 WL 4287659 (S.D.W. Va. Mar. 31, 2022), report and recommendation adopted, No. 2:22-CV-00110, 2022 WL 3594518 (S.D.W. Va. Aug. 23, 2022)
- Presidential Candidate No. P60005535 v. United States Pat. & Trademark Off., No. 1:25-CV-170-HAB, 2025 WL 1255799 (N.D. Ind. Apr. 29, 2025)
- Emrit v. USPTO, 25-cv-00720, ECF No. 3 (E.D. La. Apr. 17, 2025)
- Support Sys. Int'l v. Mack, 45 F.3d 185, 186 (7th Cir. 1995)
- Kelly Fuery v. City of Chicago, Fuery v. City of Chicago, 900 F.3d 450, 452 (7th Cir. 2018)
- Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. v. Haeger, 137 S. Ct. 1178, 1186 (2017)

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