

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
OHIO, WESTERN DIVISION (DAYTON)

Tyler Jones v. TJK-ELS, Inc. (d/b/a Domino's Pizza), et al.

Jones · No. 3:26-cv-00066 · Decided March 17, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio denies pro se Plaintiff Tyler Jones’s motion for electronic filing privileges. The court grants his motion to receive service by email through the electronic case filing system and directs him to establish a PACER account.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Western Division (Dayton)
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Caroline H. Gentry
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Western Division (Dayton)
DECIDED	March 17, 2026
DOCKET	3:26-cv-00066
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The pro se plaintiff moved for permission to obtain electronic case filing privileges and to receive service by email through the electronic case filing system.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Discretionary consideration of a pro se litigant’s request for electronic filing privileges.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished, nonprecedential district court order
PARTIES	Tyler Jones v. TJK-ELS, Inc. (d/b/a Domino’s Pizza), et al.

TOPICS

- civil procedure
- service of process

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- pro se litigation
- electronic filing

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether a pro se litigant should be permitted to obtain electronic case filing privileges.
2. Whether a pro se litigant should be permitted to receive service by email through the electronic case filing system.

HOLDINGS

1. Permission for a pro se litigant to electronically file documents is discretionary with the court, and the court denied Jones's motion for e-filing privileges.
2. The court granted Jones's motion to receive service by email through the electronic case filing system.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Generally, “[p]arties proceeding pro se are not permitted to file electronically.””

“ “[T]he grant of electronic filing privileges is a privilege granted to pro se litigants in the discretion of this Court.” ”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Tyler Jones was proceeding pro se in a civil action against TJK-ELS, Inc., doing business as Domino's Pizza, and other defendants. Jones requested permission to file documents electronically and to receive service by email through the court's electronic filing system. The magistrate judge denied electronic filing privileges but granted service by email and directed Jones to establish a PACER account.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The motions were pending before the assigned magistrate judge in the federal civil action. The court denied the motion for electronic filing privileges and granted the motion for service by email.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Needham v. Butler Cnty. Jail, No. 1:19-cv-294, 2019 WL 5883643, at *2 (S.D. Ohio Nov. 12, 2019)

OPINION

Jones

PER CURIAM.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

WESTERN DIVISION (DAYTON)

TYLER JONES, : Case No. 3:26-cv-00066 Plaintiff, : District Judge Thomas M. Rose vs. :

Magistrate Judge Caroline H. Gentry TJK-ELS, INC. : (d/b/a DOMINO'S PIZZA), et al., :
Defendants. :

ORDER

Currently pending before the undersigned Magistrate Judge are two motions:

(1) Plaintiff's Motion by Pro Se Litigant to Obtain Electronic Case Filing Rights (Doc.

No. 3); and (2) Plaintiff's Motion by Pro Se Litigant to receive Service by Email Through the Electronic Case Filing System (Doc. No. 4). Generally, "[p]arties proceeding pro se are not permitted to file electronically." S.D. Ohio CM/ECF Procedures Guide, Section 1.1. However, "[a] pro se individual may apply to the assigned Judicial Officer for permission to electronically file documents." Id.; see also S.D. Ohio Civ. R. 83.5(b) ("If the Court permits, a party to a pending proceeding who is not represented by an attorney may register as a Filing User solely for the purposes of that action."). "[T]he grant of electronic filing privileges is a privilege granted to pro se litigants in the discretion of this Court." *Needham v. Butler Cnty. Jail*, No. 1:19-cv-294, 2019 WL 5883643, at *2 (S.D. Ohio Nov. 12, 2019) (emphasis added). Upon consideration, the Court DENIES Plaintiff's motion for efileing privileges (Doc. No. 3) but GRANTS Plaintiff's motion for service by email (Doc. No. 4). Plaintiff shall promptly set up an account with the federal courts' PACER service, <https://pacer.uscourts.gov/>. IT IS SO ORDERED. s/Caroline H. Gentry
Caroline H. Gentry United States Magistrate Judge