

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA

Farley Thomas III v. TransUnion Corp., et al.

No. 2:25-cv-01943-APG-MDC (D. Nev. Dec. 9, 2025) · No. 2:25-cv-01943-APG-MDC · Decided December 9, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of Nevada denies Farley Thomas III’s application to proceed in forma pauperis without prejudice. The court finds that the Short Form application contains deficiencies and orders plaintiff either to submit a complete Long Form application or pay the full \$405 filing fee by January 14, 2026.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of Nevada
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Maximiliano D. Couvillier II
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the District of Nevada
DECIDED	December 9, 2025
DOCKET	2:25-cv-01943-APG-MDC
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The court considered pro se plaintiff Farley Thomas III's application to proceed in forma pauperis in a civil action.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unpublished district court order; precedential status unknown

TOPICS

- civil procedure
- costs
- consumer protection

PRACTICE AREAS

- Civil procedure
- In forma pauperis proceedings
- Consumer credit litigation

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether plaintiff's Short Form in forma pauperis application sufficiently demonstrated that he was unable to pay the filing fee.
- Whether the court should allow plaintiff to cure deficiencies in the application by submitting a completed Long Form application or paying the filing fee.

HOLDINGS

1. The application was insufficient because it contained illegible or incomplete information and did not provide enough detail for the court to determine plaintiff's financial status and inability to pay.
2. The application was denied without prejudice, and plaintiff was permitted either to file a complete Long Form application curing the identified deficiencies or to pay the full filing fee.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“An applicant need not be destitute to qualify for a waiver of costs and fees, but he must demonstrate that because of his poverty he cannot pay those costs and still provide himself with the necessities of life.” (at 1)

“Based on this information, it is not clear why the plaintiff cannot afford to pay the filing fee.” (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff submitted a Short Form in forma pauperis application. The application was difficult to read, did not clarify whether his wife's \$500 contribution was weekly or monthly, left the checking-or-savings-account question blank, and provided percentages rather than amounts for support of minor children. Because of these deficiencies, the court could not determine why plaintiff was unable to pay the filing fee.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff submitted a Short Form application to proceed in forma pauperis. The court found the application deficient and unable to establish plaintiff's financial eligibility, denied the application without prejudice, and allowed plaintiff until January 14, 2026, either to submit a completed Long Form application or pay the \$405 filing fee.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Escobedo v. Applebees, 787 F.3d 1226, 1235 (9th Cir. 2015)
- Adkins v. E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co., 335 U.S. 331, 339 (1948)
- United States v. McQuade, 647 F.2d 938, 940 (9th Cir. 1981)
- Marin v. Hahn, 271 Fed. App'x 578 (9th Cir. 2008)
- Harper v. San Diego City Admin. Bldg., No. 16cv00768 AJB (BLM), 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 192145, at 1 (S.D. Cal. June 9, 2016)
- Kennedy v. Huibregtse, 831 F.3d 441, 443-44 (7th Cir. 2016)
- Greco v. NYE Cty. Dist. Judge Robert Lane, No. 215CV01370MMDPAL, 2016 WL 7493981, at 3 (D. Nev. Nov. 9, 2016)
- Greco v. Lake, No. 215CV001370MMDPAL, 2016 WL 7493963 (D. Nev. Dec. 30, 2016)
- Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140, 142 (1985)

- *Martinez v. Ylst*, 951 F.2d 1153, 1157 (9th Cir. 1991)
- *Britt v. Simi Valley United Sch. Dist.*, 708 F.2d 452, 454 (9th Cir. 1983)

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