

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS  
FORT SMITH DIVISION

JONATHAN DANIEL CLEMENTS,  
individually and in his capacity as  
executor of a religious trust,  
Plaintiff,

v.  
2:25-cv-02145-TLB

STATE OF ARKANSAS;  
UNITED STATES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT;  
INTERNATIONAL GOVERNMENTS AND  
RELIGIOUS BODIES,

Defendants.


NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

Notice is hereby given that Plaintiff, Jonathan Daniel Clements, individually and in his capacity as executor of a religious trust, hereby appeals to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit from the Order and Judgment entered in this action on December 1, 2025, which adopted the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation, denied leave to proceed in forma pauperis, and dismissed the complaint without prejudice, together with all prior and subsequent orders that merge into that judgment.

Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Clerk of this Court transmit the record on appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in accordance with the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.

Dated: DEC 15th, 2025

Respectfully submitted,



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MOTION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS ON APPEAL PURSUANT TO  
FED. R. APP. P. 24(a) AND 28 U.S.C. § 1915

Plaintiff, Jonathan Daniel Clements ("Plaintiff"), proceeding pro se and individually and in his capacity as executor of a religious trust, respectfully moves this Court for leave to proceed in forma pauperis on appeal pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915 and Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 24(a), and states as follows:

1. On December 1, 2025, this Court entered an Order and Judgment adopting the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation, denying leave to proceed in forma pauperis, and dismissing Plaintiff's complaint without prejudice.
2. Plaintiff has filed a timely Notice of Appeal from that Order and Judgment to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.
3. Plaintiff is unable to pay the costs and fees associated with the appeal without foregoing basic necessities. In support of this motion, Plaintiff submits a completed Financial Affidavit (Form 4 / AO 239-type affidavit) setting forth his income, assets, liabilities, and expenses, executed under penalty of perjury as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1915 and Fed. R. App. P. 24(a)(1).
4. This appeal is taken in good faith and is not frivolous. Plaintiff intends to raise, among others, the following non-frivolous issues on appeal:
  - (a) Whether the district court erred in characterizing Plaintiff's filings as "sovereign citizen ideology" and dismissing the action as frivolous under 28 U.S.C. § 1915, without addressing Plaintiff's specific constitutional and statutory claims.

- (b) Whether the district court failed to conduct the de novo review required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72(b) of Plaintiff's detailed objections to the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation.
- (c) Whether the district court abused its discretion under 28 U.S.C. § 1915 by dismissing the case without identifying and analyzing the individual causes of action asserted, and without granting leave to amend.
- (d) Whether the district court's handling and classification of certain filings (including objections and requests for equitable and injunctive relief) as mere "exhibits," without separate consideration or ruling, deprived Plaintiff of a meaningful opportunity to be heard in violation of procedural due process and the right of access to the courts.

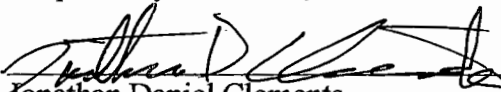
5. These issues present substantial questions regarding access to the courts, the proper application of screening standards under 28 U.S.C. § 1915, and the district court's obligation to conduct de novo review of specific objections under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72(b). Reasonable jurists could disagree with the district court's characterization and handling of Plaintiff's filings, and the appeal therefore is taken "in good faith" within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3) and Fed. R. App. P. 24(a).

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court:

- (1) Grant this Motion and permit Plaintiff to proceed in forma pauperis on appeal without prepayment of fees and costs; and
- (2) Grant such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: DEC 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Respectfully submitted,



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