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TAMPA, FLORIDA

**Gordon Wayne Watts, Individually,  
and on behalf of similarly situated  
persons** (some, but not all, whom are  
named in the instant complaint)

**Lead Plaintiff,**

vs.

Case No.: 8:19 cv 829 T36 set

\* Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois ; et. al.,  
**Defendants.**

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**MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL**

Plaintiffs, Gordon Wayne Watts, et. al., by and through undersigned counsel, and pursuant to **Middle District Local Rule 3.01(a)**, hereby move This Honourable Court for appointment of counsel – and in support thereof, state as follows:

1. On page 10 of This Court's "GUIDE FOR PROCEEDING WITHOUT A LAWYER," This Court gives guidelines for this type of motion:

"You may also ask the court to appoint a lawyer for you. But remember that, unlike in a criminal case, you do not have a right to court-appointed counsel in a civil case, appointment is reserved for extraordinary circumstances, and a lawyer is not required to accept an appointment. To make your request, you must file a motion for appointment of counsel."

2. Given the gravity of the matters described, verified (via sworn affidavit) and documented (by various court filings and more), there are certainly extraordinary circumstances that warrant this court's assignment of court-appointed counsel.

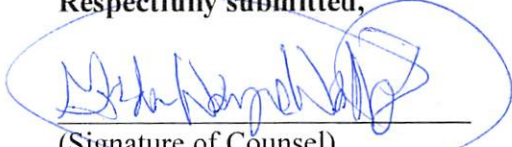
3. Local Rule 2.05 (APPEARANCE BY LAW STUDENTS) and Fla. Bar Rule Rule 4-6.1 (Pro Bono Appointments in Civil Cases) give some possible remedies which might be

appropriate to assure that indigent litigants may proceed—and get a fair day in court—and address very serious—institutional and chronic—violations of civil rights by certain state courts so enumerated in this complaint. Plaintiffs consent to “entry of an order by the Court directing payment of all non-prepaid fees and costs out of any recovery, including a reasonable attorney's fee if counsel has been appointed by the Court to represent such person,” as delineated by Local Rule 4.07(b) and Local Rule 6.01(c)(4), governing IN FORMA PAUPERIS PROCEEDINGS and DUTIES OF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGES, respectively.

5. Lead plaintiff is smart, but he is only 1 indigent person, and not a lawyer—and feels it is inappropriate to “take chances” by putting all your eggs on 1 basket—even his.

Wherefore, Plaintiffs respectfully request This Honourable Court to enter an order granting Plaintiffs' motion for appointment of counsel—for this class of victims.

Date: Monday (Day of Week),  
the 8th day of April, 2019

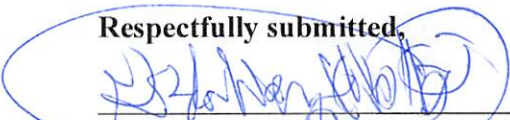
Respectfully submitted,  
  
(Signature of Counsel)

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**Certificate of Service**

I, **Gordon Wayne Watts**, hereby certify that I have filed a copy of this motion (“MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL”) with the clerk of the Circuit Court, Middle District of Florida, Tampa Division, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019, but on no one else, as I am filing *In Forma Pauperis*, and am depending – with full faith and credit – upon The Court to authorize and order the U.S. Marshall Service to serve all other parties of record.

Date: Monday (Day of Week),  
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