

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

GLENDALE STEWART,

Plaintiff,

v.

RICHARD F. RICE
and FOX & FOX LAW OFFICE,

Defendants.

ORDER

11-cv-413-bbc

This is a proposed civil action in which plaintiff Glendale Steward, who is proceeding pro se, alleges that defendants Richard Rice and the law office of Fox & Fox, S.C. failed to adequately represent him in a civil lawsuit against Capital Newspapers, Inc.. Plaintiff has asked for leave to proceed in forma pauperis and has supported his request with an affidavit of indigency. The standard for determining whether plaintiff qualifies for indigent status is the following:

- From plaintiff's annual gross income, the court subtracts \$3700 for each dependent excluding the plaintiff.
- If the balance is less than \$16,000, the plaintiff may proceed without any prepayment of fees and costs.
- If the balance is greater than \$16,000 but less than \$32,000, the plaintiff must prepay half the fees and costs.
- If the balance is greater than \$32,000, the plaintiff must prepay all fees and costs.
- Substantial assets or debts require individual consideration.

In this case, plaintiff's monthly income is \$990.44, which makes his annual income \$11,885.28. Because plaintiff's income is less than \$16,000, he can proceed without any prepayment of fees or costs.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that plaintiff's complaint is taken under advisement. As soon as the court's calendar permits, plaintiff's complaint will be screened pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915 to determine whether the case must be dismissed either because the complaint is frivolous or malicious, fails to state a claim on which relief may be granted or seeks monetary relief against a defendant who is immune from such relief. Plaintiff will be notified promptly when such a decision has been made. In the meantime, if plaintiff needs to communicate with the court about this case, he should be sure to write the case number shown above on his communication.

Entered this 13th day of June, 2011.

BY THE COURT:
/s/
BARBARA B. CRABB
District Judge