

**1:19-cv-03473** Watts v. Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois et al

Robert M. Dow, Jr, presiding

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## History

<b>Doc. No.</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Description</b>
<a href="#">1</a>	<i>Filed:</i> 04/08/2019 <i>Entered:</i> 04/09/2019	complaint
	<i>Docket Text:</i> COMPLAINT against Appellate Court of State of Illinois, Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, James P. Flannery, Jr, John C. Griffin, Michael B. Hyman, Terrence J. Lavin, Mary Anne Mason, Mary L. Mikva, Michael F. Otto, Daniel J. Pierce, Diane M. Shelley, Carl Anthony Walker filed by Gordon Wayne Watts. (Attachments: # (1) Complaint Part 2, # (2) Exhibit A-H, # (3) Exhibit I, # (4) Exhibit J, # (5) Exhibit K, # (6) Exhibit L Part 1, # (7) Exhibit L Part 2, # (8) Exhibit M, # (9) Civil Cover Sheet)(CTR) [Transferred from Florida Middle on 5/23/2019.]	
<a href="#">2</a>	<i>Filed:</i> 04/08/2019 <i>Entered:</i> 04/09/2019 <i>Terminated:</i> 05/31/2019	application for leave to proceed in forma pauperis
	<i>Docket Text:</i> MOTION for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis by Gordon Wayne Watts. (CTR) Motions referred to Magistrate Judge Christopher P. Tuite. [Transferred from Florida Middle on 5/23/2019.]	
<a href="#">3</a>	<i>Filed:</i> 04/08/2019 <i>Entered:</i> 04/09/2019 <i>Terminated:</i> 05/31/2019	motion for preliminary injunction
	<i>Docket Text:</i> MOTION for Preliminary Injunction and Incorporated Memorandum of Law by Gordon Wayne Watts. (Attachments: # (1) Text of Proposed Order)(CTR) [Transferred from Florida Middle on 5/23/2019.]	
<a href="#">4</a>	<i>Filed:</i> 04/08/2019 <i>Entered:</i> 04/09/2019 <i>Terminated:</i> 05/31/2019	motion for leave to file excess pages
	<i>Docket Text:</i> MOTION for Leave to File Excess of Twenty-Five Pages by Gordon Wayne Watts. (CTR) [Transferred from Florida Middle on 5/23/2019.]	
<a href="#">5</a>	<i>Filed:</i> 04/08/2019 <i>Entered:</i> 04/09/2019 <i>Terminated:</i> 05/31/2019	motion for attorney representation
	<i>Docket Text:</i> MOTION to Appoint Counsel by Gordon Wayne Watts. (CTR) Motions referred to Magistrate Judge Christopher P. Tuite. [Transferred from Florida Middle on 5/23/2019.]	

<a href="#">6</a>	<p><i>Filed:</i> 04/08/2019</p> <p><i>Entered:</i> 04/09/2019</p> <p><i>Terminated:</i> 05/31/2019</p>	motion for miscellaneous relief
	<i>Docket Text:</i> MOTION for miscellaneous relief, specifically for leave to File via CM/ECF by Gordon Wayne Watts. (CTR) [Transferred from Florida Middle on 5/23/2019.]	
<a href="#">7</a>	<i>Filed &amp; Entered:</i> 04/09/2019	order on motion for miscellaneous relief
	<i>Docket Text:</i> <b>RELATED CASE ORDER AND NOTICE of designation under Local Rule 3.05 - track 2. Notice of pendency of other actions due by 4/23/2019. Signed by Judge Charlene Edwards Honeywell on 4/9/2019. (BGS)</b> [Transferred from Florida Middle on 5/23/2019.]	
<a href="#">8</a>	<i>Filed &amp; Entered:</i> 04/09/2019	order
	<i>Docket Text:</i> <b>INTERESTED PERSONS ORDER. Certificate of interested persons and corporate disclosure statement due by 4/23/2019. Signed by Judge Charlene Edwards Honeywell on 4/9/2019. (BGS)</b> [Transferred from Florida Middle on 5/23/2019.]	
<a href="#">9</a>	<i>Filed &amp; Entered:</i> 04/10/2019	order to show cause
	<i>Docket Text:</i> <b>ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE. Plaintiff is directed to SHOW CAUSE as to why this case should not be dismissed pursuant to the Rooker-Feldman doctrine for lack of subject matter jurisdiction or transferred to the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Plaintiff shall file a written response with the Court within FOURTEEN (14) DAYS from the date of this Order. Failure to respond within the time provided will result in dismissal or transfer of this action without further notice. Signed by Judge Charlene Edwards Honeywell on 4/10/2019. (BGS)</b> [Transferred from Florida Middle on 5/23/2019.]	
<a href="#">10</a>	<i>Filed &amp; Entered:</i> 04/15/2019	certificate
	<i>Docket Text:</i> CERTIFICATE of interested persons and corporate disclosure statement re [8] Interested persons order by Gordon Wayne Watts. (CTR) [Transferred from Florida Middle on 5/23/2019.]	
<a href="#">11</a>	<i>Filed &amp; Entered:</i> 04/15/2019	notice of filing
	<i>Docket Text:</i> NOTICE of pendency of related cases re [7] Related case order and track 2 notice per Local Rule 1.04(d) by Gordon Wayne Watts. Related case(s): yes (CTR) [Transferred from Florida Middle on 5/23/2019.]	
<a href="#">12</a>	<i>Filed &amp; Entered:</i> 04/15/2019	response to motion
	<i>Docket Text:</i> RESPONSE TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE re [9] Order to show cause filed by Gordon Wayne Watts. (CTR) [Transferred from Florida Middle on 5/23/2019.]	
<a href="#">13</a>	<i>Filed &amp; Entered:</i> 04/15/2019	amended complaint
	<i>Docket Text:</i> <b>AMENDED COMPLAINT</b> against Appellate Court of State of Illinois, Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, James P. Flannery, Jr, John C. Griffin, Michael B. Hyman, Terrence J. Lavin, Mary Anne Mason, Mary L. Mikva, Michael F. Otto, Daniel J. Pierce, Diane M. Shelley, Carl Anthony Walker filed by Gordon Wayne Watts. Related document: [1] Complaint filed by Gordon Wayne Watts. (Attachments: # (1) Exhibit)(CTR) [Transferred from Florida Middle on 5/23/2019.]	
<a href="#">14</a>	<i>Filed &amp; Entered:</i> 05/22/2019	order on motion to transfer case
	<i>Docket Text:</i> <b>ORDER: This case is hereby TRANSFERRED to the Northern District of Illinois</b>	

	<b>for all further proceedings. The Clerk is hereby directed to immediately transfer this case to the Northern District of Illinois. Signed by Judge Charlene Edwards Honeywell on 5/22/2019. (JJH)</b> [Transferred from Florida Middle on 5/23/2019.]	
<a href="#">15</a>	<i>Filed &amp; Entered:</i> 05/23/2019	case transferred in - district transfer
	<i>Docket Text:</i> RECEIVED from Florida Middle; Case Number 8:19-cv-00829 (nsf)	
<a href="#">16</a>	<i>Filed &amp; Entered:</i> 05/23/2019	mailed
	<i>Docket Text:</i> MAILED Rule 83.15 Letter to all counsel of record. (nsf, )	
<a href="#">17</a>	<i>Filed &amp; Entered:</i> 05/23/2019	Notice re Mandatory Initial Discovery Pilot(MIDP)
	<i>Docket Text:</i> NOTICE TO THE PARTIES - The Court is participating in the Mandatory Initial Discovery Pilot (MIDP). The key features and deadlines are set forth in this Notice which includes a link to the (MIDP) Standing Order and a Checklist for use by the parties. In cases subject to the pilot, all parties must respond to the mandatory initial discovery requests set forth in the Standing Order before initiating any further discovery in this case. Please note: The discovery obligations in the Standing Order supersede the disclosures required by Rule 26(a)(1). Any party seeking affirmative relief must serve a copy of the following documents (Notice of Mandatory Initial Discovery and the Standing Order) on each new party when the Complaint, Counterclaim, Crossclaim, or Third-Party Complaint is served. (nsf, )	
<a href="#">18</a>	<i>Filed &amp; Entered:</i> 05/31/2019	order
	<i>Docket Text:</i> ORDER: Plaintiff's financial affidavit indicates that his income and resources are below the federal poverty line as set out in the Guidelines promulgated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Therefore, his motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis [2] is granted. Plaintiff's motion for leave to file an oversized document [4] also is granted. However, as explained below, Plaintiff's complaint is dismissed with prejudice as (1) all of the named individual Defendants have absolute judicial immunity from suits complaining about their judicial actions, and (2) the Illinois Circuit and Appellate Courts are not suable entities. And given that disposition on the merits, Plaintiff's motion for preliminary injunction [3], Plaintiff's motion to appoint counsel [5], and Plaintiff's motion for leave to file via CM/ECF [6] are all denied as moot. A final judgment will be entered and this case will be closed. Civil case terminated. Signed by the Honorable Robert M. Dow, Jr on 5/31/2019. Mailed notice(las, )	
<a href="#">19</a>	<i>Filed &amp; Entered:</i> 05/31/2019	entered judgment
	<i>Docket Text:</i> ENTERED JUDGMENT. Mailed notice(las, )	
<a href="#">20</a>	<i>Filed &amp; Entered:</i> 06/27/2019	motion to alter judgment
	<i>Docket Text:</i> MOTION by Plaintiff Gordon Wayne Watts to alter judgment <i>Actually, both a R.59 and R.60 motion (alter / amend / correct clerical etc.), but I could only pick one</i> (Attachments: # (1) Exhibit Exhibits R, S, and T, combined for efficiency)(Watts, Gordon)	
<a href="#">21</a>	<i>Filed &amp; Entered:</i> 06/27/2019	notice of motion
	<i>Docket Text:</i> Please contact me if this date is, for some reason, unavailable, and the court desires my presence in a hearing to present my combined Rule59/Rule60 motion. NOTICE of Motion by Gordon Wayne Watts for presentment of motion to alter judgment, [20] before Honorable Robert M. Dow Jr. on 7/9/2019 at 09:15 AM. (Watts, Gordon)	
<a href="#">22</a>	<i>Filed &amp; Entered:</i> 07/08/2019	order on motion to alter judgment
	<i>Docket Text:</i> MINUTE entry before the Honorable Robert M. Dow, Jr: Plaintiff's motion to alter or amend	

	judgment [20] is taken under advisement. The Court will issue a ruling by mail. Notice of motion date of 7/9/2019 is stricken and no appearances are necessary on that date. Mailed notice (cdh, )	
<a href="#">23</a>	<i>Filed &amp; Entered:</i> 08/13/2019	motion to expedite
	<i>Docket Text:</i> MOTION by Plaintiff Gordon Wayne Watts to expedite <i>Rule 7 Motion to Waive PACER fees, concurrent with Motion to expedite summons, and issue Summary Judgment and/or Show Cause order.</i> (Attachments: # (1) Exhibit Exhibits U, V, and W)(Watts, Gordon)	
<a href="#">24</a>	<i>Filed &amp; Entered:</i> 08/13/2019	notice of motion
	<i>Docket Text:</i> NOTICE OF MOTION for Fri. 16 Aug. 2019, 9:30am(CST) for Doc.23, my concurrent motions to Waive my PACER.gov research fees, expedite summons, and issue either summary judgment and/or a show cause order to defendants. NOTICE of Motion by Gordon Wayne Watts for presentment of motion to expedite, [23] before Honorable Robert M. Dow Jr. on 8/16/2019 at 09:30 AM. (Watts, Gordon)	
<a href="#">25</a>	<i>Filed &amp; Entered:</i> 08/13/2019	notice of motion
	<i>Docket Text:</i> This is a corrected notice of motion because I inadvertently picked an unavailable date. I now pick Tue 20 Aug 2019 to tentatively be available to phone in from out-of-state for a telephone hearing/ NOTICE of Motion by Gordon Wayne Watts for presentment of motion to expedite, [23] before Honorable Robert M. Dow Jr. on 8/20/2019 at 09:15 AM. (Watts, Gordon)	
<a href="#">26</a>	<i>Filed &amp; Entered:</i> 08/19/2019	order on motion to expedite
	<i>Docket Text:</i> MINUTE entry before the Honorable Robert M. Dow, Jr: Plaintiff's motion to expedite Rule 7 Motion to Waive PACER fees, concurrent with Motion to expedite summons, and issue Summary Judgment and/or Show Cause order [23] is taken under advisement. Before the Court can rule on the motion, it must determine whether to grant Plaintiff's motion to alter or amend judgment [20], which raises a threshold question regarding the scope of judicial immunity. Once that motion is resolved, the Court will address the motion set for presentment on August 20. Accordingly, the notice of motion date of 8/20/2019 is stricken and no appearances are necessary on that date. Mailed notice (ags, )	

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