

**U.S. District Court**

**Middle District of Florida (Tampa)**

**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 8:19-cv-00829-CEH-CPT**

Watts v. Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois et al  
Assigned to: Judge Charlene Edwards Honeywell  
Referred to: Magistrate Judge Christopher P. Tuite  
Cause: 42:1983 Civil Rights Act

Date Filed: 04/08/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 440 Civil Rights: Other  
Jurisdiction: Federal Question

**Plaintiff**

**Gordon Wayne Watts**

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

represented by **Gordon Wayne Watts**  
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V.

**Defendant**

**Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois**

**Defendant**

**James P. Flannery, Jr.**

*in his individual capacity and in his Official  
Capacity as Presiding Judge*

**Defendant**

**Diane M. Shelley**

*in her individual capacity and in her Official  
Capacity as Circuit Judge*

**Defendant**

**Michael F. Otto**

*in his individual capacity and in his Official  
Capacity as Associate Judge*

**Defendant**

**Appellate Court of State of Illinois**

*First District*

**Defendant**

**Daniel J. Pierce**

*in his individual capacities and, in his Official  
Capacity as Justice for the First District  
Appellate Court of State of Illinois*

**Defendant**

**Mary L. Mikva***in her individual capacities and, in her Official  
Capacity as Justice for the First District  
Appellate Court of State of Illinois***Defendant****John C. Griffin***in his individual capacities and, in his Official  
Capacity as Justice for the First District  
Appellate Court of State of Illinois***Defendant****Mary Anne Mason***in her individual capacities and, in her Official  
Capacity as Justice for the First District  
Appellate Court of State of Illinois***Defendant****Terrence J. Lavin***in his individual capacities and, in his Official  
Capacity as Justice for the First District  
Appellate Court of State of Illinois***Defendant****Michael B. Hyman***in his individual capacities and, in his Official  
Capacity as Justice for the First District  
Appellate Court of State of Illinois***Defendant****Carl Anthony Walker***in his individual capacities and, in his Official  
Capacity as Justice for the First District  
Appellate Court of State of Illinois*

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| 04/08/2019 | <u>1</u> | 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: # <u>1</u> Complaint Part 2, # <u>2</u> Exhibit A-H, # <u>3</u> Exhibit I, # <u>4</u> Exhibit J, # <u>5</u> Exhibit K, # <u>6</u> Exhibit L Part 1, # <u>7</u> Exhibit L Part 2, # <u>8</u> Exhibit M, # <u>9</u> Civil Cover Sheet)(CTR) (Entered: 04/09/2019) |
| 04/08/2019 | <u>2</u> | MOTION for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis by Gordon Wayne Watts. (CTR) Motions referred to Magistrate Judge Christopher P. Tuite. (Entered: 04/09/2019)  |
| 04/08/2019 | <u>3</u> | MOTION for Preliminary Injunction and Incorporated Memorandum of Law by Gordon Wayne Watts. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(CTR) (Entered: 04/09/2019)  |
| 04/08/2019 | <u>4</u> |  |

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|            |           | MOTION for Leave to File Excess of Twenty-Five Pages by Gordon Wayne Watts. (CTR) (Entered: 04/09/2019)   |
| 04/08/2019 | <u>5</u>  | MOTION to Appoint Counsel by Gordon Wayne Watts. (CTR) Motions referred to Magistrate Judge Christopher P. Tuite. (Entered: 04/09/2019)   |
| 04/08/2019 | <u>6</u>  | MOTION for miscellaneous relief, specifically for leave to File via CM/ECF by Gordon Wayne Watts. (CTR) (Entered: 04/09/2019)   |
| 04/09/2019 | <u>7</u>  | <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) (Entered: 04/09/2019)</b>  |
| 04/09/2019 | <u>8</u>  | <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) (Entered: 04/09/2019)</b>   |
| 04/10/2019 | <u>9</u>  | <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) (Entered: 04/10/2019)</b> |
| 04/15/2019 | <u>10</u> | CERTIFICATE of interested persons and corporate disclosure statement re <u>8</u> Interested persons order by Gordon Wayne Watts. (CTR) (Entered: 04/15/2019)  |
| 04/15/2019 | <u>11</u> | NOTICE of pendency of related cases re <u>7</u> Related case order and track 2 notice per Local Rule 1.04(d) by Gordon Wayne Watts. Related case(s): yes (CTR) (Entered: 04/15/2019)  |
| 04/15/2019 | <u>12</u> | RESPONSE TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE re <u>9</u> Order to show cause filed by Gordon Wayne Watts. (CTR) (Entered: 04/15/2019)  |
| 04/15/2019 | <u>13</u> | AMENDED 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. Related document: <u>1</u> Complaint filed by Gordon Wayne Watts. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(CTR) (Entered: 04/15/2019)   |
| 05/22/2019 | <u>14</u> | <b>ORDER: This case is hereby TRANSFERRED to the Northern District of Illinois 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) (Entered: 05/22/2019)</b>   |