

No. _____

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

George Berka — PETITIONER
(Your Name)

VS.

City of Middletown — RESPONDENT(S)

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

The petitioner asks leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Please check the appropriate boxes:

☐ Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the following court(s):

☒ Petitioner has **not** previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in any other court.

☒ Petitioner's affidavit or declaration in support of this motion is attached hereto.

☐ Petitioner's affidavit or declaration is **not** attached because the court below appointed counsel in the current proceeding, and:

☐ The appointment was made under the following provision of law: _____
_____, or

☐ a copy of the order of appointment is appended.

George Berka
(Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 1st day of February

Sonya L. Gode
NOTARY PUBLIC

Sonya L. Gode
Notary Public
My Commission Expires Aug. 31, 2022

**AFFIDAVIT OR DECLARATION
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

I, George Berka, am the petitioner in the above-entitled case. In support of my motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*, I state that because of my poverty I am unable to pay the costs of this case or to give security therefor; and I believe I am entitled to redress.

1. For both you and your spouse estimate the average amount of money received from each of the following sources during the past 12 months. Adjust any amount that was received weekly, biweekly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually to show the monthly rate. Use gross amounts, that is, amounts before any deductions for taxes or otherwise.

Income source	Average monthly amount during the past 12 months		Amount expected next month	
	You	Spouse	You	Spouse
Employment *Ended in April of 2018.	\$ 993	\$ _____	\$ 0	\$ _____
Self-employment	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ 3,100	\$ _____	\$ 4,900	\$ _____
Interest and dividends	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Gifts	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Alimony	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Child Support	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Unemployment payments *Ended in October of 2018.	\$ 915	\$ _____	\$ 0	\$ _____
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other (specify): _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total monthly income:	\$ 5,008	\$ _____	\$ 4,900	\$ _____

2. List your employment history for the past two years, most recent first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
Sikorsky Aircraft, 6900 Main St., Stratford, CT 06614		Aug., 2017 – April, 2018	\$ \$6,300
Boeing, 1. S. Stewart Ave., Ridley Park, PA 19078		Feb., 2013 – Mar., 2017	\$ \$7,900
			\$

3. List your spouse's employment history for the past two years, most recent employer first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
			\$
			\$
			\$

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ \$3,900
Below, state any money you or your spouse have in bank accounts or in any other financial institution.

Financial institution	Type of account	Amount you have	Amount your spouse has
Del-One CU	Savings	\$ \$9,400	\$
Fidelity	401(k)	\$ \$139,000	\$
		\$	\$

5. List the assets, and their values, which you own or your spouse owns. Do not list clothing and ordinary household furnishings.

☒ Home
Value \$81,000

☒ Other real estate
Value \$295,000

☒ Motor Vehicle #1
Year, make & model '02 Saab 9-3
Value \$1,500

☒ Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model '02 Audi A6 Wagon
Value \$1,200

☐ Other assets
Description
Value

6. State every person, business, or organization owing you or your spouse money, and the amount owed.

Person owing you or your spouse money	Amount owed to you	Amount owed to your spouse
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

7. State the persons who rely on you or your spouse for support.

Name	Relationship	Age
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

8. Estimate the average monthly expenses of you and your family. Show separately the amount paid by your spouse. Adjust any payments that are made weekly, biweekly, quarterly, or annually to show the monthly rate.

	You	Your spouse
Rent or home-mortgage payment (include lot rented for mobile home)	\$ 1,215	\$ _____
Are real estate taxes included? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Is property insurance included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	\$ 519	\$ _____
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ 375	\$ _____
Food	\$ 389	\$ _____
Clothing	\$ 215	\$ _____
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ 125	\$ _____
Medical and dental expenses	\$ 395	\$ _____

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ 225	\$
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ 159	\$
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ 62	\$
Life	\$	\$
Health	\$	\$
Motor Vehicle	\$ 92	\$
Other: _____	\$	\$
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): _____	\$	\$
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$	\$
Credit card(s)	\$ 270	\$
Department store(s)	\$	\$
Other: _____	\$	\$
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$	\$
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$	\$
Other (specify): _____	\$	\$
Total monthly expenses:	\$ 4,137	\$



9. Do you expect any major changes to your monthly income or expenses or in your assets or liabilities during the next 12 months?

☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, describe on an attached sheet.

I am expecting to begin substantial general maintenance on my home within the next (12) months. I expect it to be fairly costly.

10. Have you paid – or will you be paying – an attorney any money for services in connection with this case, including the completion of this form? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, how much? _____

If yes, state the attorney's name, address, and telephone number:

11. Have you paid—or will you be paying—anyone other than an attorney (such as a paralegal or a typist) any money for services in connection with this case, including the completion of this form?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, how much? _____

If yes, state the person's name, address, and telephone number:

12. Provide any other information that will help explain why you cannot pay the costs of this case.

I had been laid off from my job, and since my unemployment ran out, I have been surviving primarily on my rental income. I also expect to have fairly significant upcoming expenses for home repairs and general maintenance. There is not much money left over at the end of each month.

I had worked very hard on preparing the eighty (80) total copies of the petition and the appendix that you had requested. I had painstakingly measured all the pages with a ruler, hand-cut them with a paper cutter, and assembled them into the 6"x9" booklets. You had returned them to me, and they were lost in the mail, so all my hard work was in vain. This was very frustrating and disheartening for me. I had then considered having the booklets prepared by a professional printer, but the \$2,000 or so fee for this is fairly expensive as well.

I therefore have three (3) suggestions for you, which I believe will go a long way toward making this process much fairer and less daunting for self-represented appellants, like myself, who often prepare the booklets at home, and by hand. 1). Preparing (80) total copies is a "tall order" for the average person. Please consider making this number more reasonable, such as (10) copies of each. 2). Please consider allowing a reasonable tolerance on the 6"x9" size of the booklet, such as plus or minus 1/4 inch on the length and the width. 3). Please be "liberal" and accept booklets that conform with the "spirit and intent" of the specifications, even though they may not conform exactly.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: February 1st, 2019

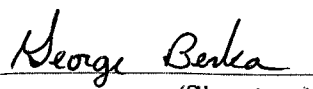
Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 1st day of February



NOTARY PUBLIC

Sonya L. Gede
Notary Public

My Commission Expires Aug. 31, 2022


(Signature)