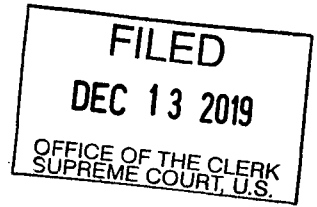


No. 19-6991

ORIGINAL



IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Lei Ke — PETITIONER
(Your Name)

VS.

Drexel University — 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):

☐ The Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, the Superior Court of
Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, the United States District Court
for Eastern Pennsylvania, and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals.


☐ 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.


(Signature)

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

I, Lei Ke, 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	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Not Married</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Not Married</u>
Self-employment	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Not Married</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Not Married</u>
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Not Married</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Not Married</u>
Interest and dividends	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Not Married</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Not Married</u>
Gifts	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Not Married</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Not Married</u>
Alimony	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Not Married</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Not Married</u>
Child Support	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Not Married</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Not Married</u>
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Not Married</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Not Married</u>
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Not Married</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Not Married</u>
Unemployment payments	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Not Married</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Not Married</u>
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Not Married</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Not Married</u>
Other (specify): PhD Program Stipend	\$ <u>2,000</u>	\$ <u>Not Married</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Not Married</u>
Total monthly income:	\$ <u>2,000</u>	\$ <u>Not Married</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Not Married</u>

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
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 0
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 0
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 0

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
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 0
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 0
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 0

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ 30

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
PNC Bank	Checking	\$ 150	\$ N/A
N/A	N/A	\$ 0	\$ N/A
N/A	N/A	\$ 0	\$ N/A

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

☐ Home
Value N/A

☐ Other real estate
Value N/A

☐ Motor Vehicle #1
Year, make & model 2010 Toyota Prius
Value \$3,000

☐ Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model N/A
Value 0

☐ Other assets
Description N/A
Value 0

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
N/A	\$ 0	\$ 0
N/A	\$ 0	\$ 0
N/A	\$ 0	\$ 0

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

Name	Relationship	Age
N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A

8. Estimate the average monthly expenses of you and your family. Show separately the amounts 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)	\$ 600	\$ N/A
Are real estate taxes included? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Is property insurance included? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and residential internet.	\$ 200	\$ N/A
Car gas	\$ 50	\$ N/A
Food	\$ 600	\$ N/A
Clothing	\$ 200	\$ N/A
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ 50	\$ N/A
Medical and dental expenses	\$ 300	\$ N/A

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (usually by Uber)	\$ 200	\$ N/A
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ 100	\$ N/A
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Life	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Health	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Motor Vehicle	\$ 200	\$ N/A
Other: _____	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): _____	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Credit card(s)	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Department store(s)	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Other: Cell phone wi/ data and internet	\$ 70	\$ N/A
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Study equipment	\$ 40	\$ N/A
Other (specify): Tuition and fees and books	\$ 200	\$ N/A
student loan repayment 300	\$ 2,810	\$ N/A
Total monthly expenses:	\$ 2,810	\$ N/A

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.

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 am currently a science PhD student. I am deeply buried in debt from student loans (owing about \$250,000 to various sources including a Perkin's loan still owed to Drexel University. I am still borrowing, having no choice. All the federal and state courts have granted me IFP status.

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

Executed on: December 12, 2019


(Signature)