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**21-5909**

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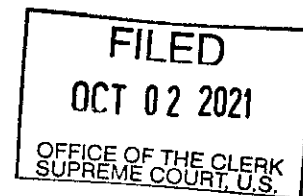
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Sands Cooper, PETITIONER

VS.

Advanced Internet Automation, LLC and

Trumbull Insurance Company, 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 *ui 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

\_\_\_\_\_ or a copy of the order of appointment is appended.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'S' followed by a 'C'.

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

I, Sands Cooper, 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<br>the past 12 months |                      | Amount expected<br>next month |                      |
|--|---|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
|  | You   | Spouse               | You                           | Spouse               |
| Employment   | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>          | \$ <u>0</u>                   | \$ <u>0</u>          |
| Self-employment  | \$ <u>5,000.00</u>                                  | \$ <u>1,000.00</u>   | \$ <u>5,000.00</u>            | \$ <u>1,000</u>      |
| Income from real property<br>(such as rental income)                       | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>          | \$ <u>0</u>                   | \$ <u>0</u>          |
| Interest and dividends   | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>          | \$ <u>0</u>                   | \$ <u>0</u>          |
| Gifts  | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>          | \$ <u>0</u>                   | \$ <u>0</u>          |
| Alimony  | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>          | \$ <u>0</u>                   | \$ <u>0</u>          |
| Child Support  | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>          | \$ <u>0</u>                   | \$ <u>0</u>          |
| Retirement (such as social<br>security, pensions,<br>annuities, insurance) | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>          | \$ <u>0</u>                   | \$ <u>0</u>          |
| Disability (such as social<br>security, insurance payments)                | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>          | \$ <u>0</u>                   | \$ <u>0</u>          |
| Unemployment payments  | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>          | \$ <u>0</u>                   | \$ <u>0</u>          |
| Public-assistance<br>(such as welfare)                                     | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>          | \$ <u>0</u>                   | \$ <u>0</u>          |
| Other (specify): <u>n/a</u>  | \$ <u>          </u>                                | \$ <u>          </u> | \$ <u>          </u>          | \$ <u>          </u> |
| <b>Total monthly income:</b>   | \$ <u>5,000.00</u>                                  | \$ <u>1,000.00</u>   | \$ <u>5,000.00</u>            | \$ <u>1,000.00</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  |
|----------------------|--|----------------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Self employed</u> | <u>7578 Blooms Road</u><br><u>Manassas, VA</u> | <u>Aug 5, 2009-present</u> | \$ <u>5,000.00</u> |
| _____                | _____  | _____                      | \$ _____           |
| _____                | _____  | _____                      | \$ _____           |

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   |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <u>DLH Corporation</u> | <u>Silver Spring, MD</u> | <u>6-2016-2-2019</u>  | \$ <u>16,500.00</u> |
| <u>Self-employed</u>   | <u>Manassas, VA</u>      | <u>2-2019-present</u> | \$ <u>1,000.00</u>  |
| _____                  | _____                    | _____                 | \$ _____            |

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

| Type of account (e.g., checking or savings) | Amount you have     | Amount your spouse has |
|---|---------------------|------------------------|
| <u>Checking</u>                             | \$ <u>15,000.00</u> | \$ <u>8,000.00</u>     |
| <u>Savings</u>                              | \$ <u>6,000.00</u>  | \$ <u>1,000.00</u>     |
| _____                                       | \$ _____            | \$ _____               |

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

☒ Home  
Value 500,000.00

☒ Other real estate  
Value n/a

☒ Motor Vehicle #1  
Year, make & model 2016 Infiniti Qx70  
Value 20,000.00

☒ Motor Vehicle #2  
Year, make & model 2009 Nissan Murano  
Value 2,500.00

☐ Other assets  
Description n/a  
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 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>0</u>                              | \$ <u>0</u>        | \$ <u>0</u>                |
| _____                                 | \$ _____           | \$ _____                   |
| _____                                 | \$ _____           | \$ _____                   |

7. State the persons who rely on you or your spouse for support. For minor children, list initials instead of names (e.g. "J.S." instead of "John Smith").

| Name       | Relationship | Age   |
|------------|--------------|-------|
| <u>n/a</u> | _____        | _____ |
| _____      | _____        | _____ |
| _____      | _____        | _____ |

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<br>(include lot rented for mobile home)                               | \$ <u>0</u>      | \$ <u>4150.00</u> |
| 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,<br>water, sewer, and telephone)                               | \$ <u>600.00</u> | \$ <u>0</u>       |
| Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)   | \$ <u>500.00</u> | \$ <u>0</u>       |
| Food  | \$ <u>600.00</u> | \$ <u>0</u>       |
| Clothing  | \$ _____         | \$ _____          |
| Laundry and dry-cleaning  | \$ <u>50.00</u>  | \$ <u>250.00</u>  |
| Medical and dental expenses   | \$ <u>0</u>      | \$ <u>0</u>       |

|  | You                  | Your spouse               |
|--|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)  | \$ <u>150.00</u>     | \$ <u>100.00</u>          |
| Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.   | \$ <u>50.00</u>      | \$ <u>50.00</u>           |
| Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)                           |                      |                           |
| Homeowner's or renter's  | \$ <u>0</u>          | \$ <u>0 (in mortgage)</u> |
| Life   | \$ <u>0</u>          | \$ <u>0</u>               |
| Health   | \$ <u>475.00</u>     | \$ <u>0</u>               |
| Motor Vehicle  | \$ <u>140.00</u>     | \$ <u>0</u>               |
| Other: <u>n/a</u>  | \$ <u>          </u> | \$ <u>          </u>      |
| Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)                               |                      |                           |
| (specify): <u>n/a</u>  | \$ <u>          </u> | \$ <u>          </u>      |
| Installment payments   |                      |                           |
| Motor Vehicle  | \$ <u>666.75</u>     | \$ <u>0</u>               |
| Credit card(s)   | \$ <u>1,500.00</u>   | \$ <u>700.00</u>          |
| Department store(s)  | \$ <u>0</u>          | \$ <u>0</u>               |
| Other: <u>n/a</u>  | \$ <u>          </u> | \$ <u>          </u>      |
| Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others   | \$ <u>0</u>          | \$ <u>0</u>               |
| Regular expenses for operation of business, profession,<br>or farm (attach detailed statement) | \$ <u>0</u>          | \$ <u>0</u>               |
| Other (specify): <u>n/a</u>  | \$ <u>          </u> | \$ <u>          </u>      |
| <b>Total monthly expenses:</b>   | \$ <u>10,731.75</u>  | \$ <u>5,250</u>           |

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:

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:

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

My spouse has been unemployed since February 1, 2019. Due to my work-related injuries from June 12, 2016, I have not been able to get my business operations up and running as usual. We have exhausted most of our savings and then we encountered the shut-down and restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. We have relied on family and savings to stay afloat, but our ability to work and earn an income has been difficult, therefore making it impossible to retain an attorney to pay the exorbitant fees should the writ of certiorari be granted.

  
Signature