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IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Melissa L. Burnett — PETITIONER

VS.

Bank of America Et al. — RESPONDENTS

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.

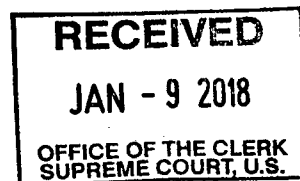
☒ Petitioner's affidavit or declaration in support of this motion is attached hereto.

☐ 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.

Melissa L. Burnett
Melissa L. Burnett, Pro Se



DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

I, Melissa L. Burnett, 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. **Divorced**

Income Source	Average monthly amount during the past 12 months		Amount expected next month	
	You	Spouse	You	Spouse
Employment	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Self employment	\$ <u>70.42</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Interest and dividends	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Gifts	\$ <u>29.17</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Alimony	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Child Support	\$ <u>220.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>220.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Disability (such as social Security, insurance payments)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Unemployment payments	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>

Public assistance \$ 0 \$ N/A \$ 0 \$ N/A
(such as welfare)

Other (specify): IL Hardest Hit

Funds Mortgage Assistance \$ 447.26 \$ N/A \$ 447.26 \$ N/A

Total monthly income: \$ 766.85 \$ N/A \$ 667.26 \$ N/A

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>Cardinal Ritter</u>	<u>7601 Watson Rd.</u>	<u>5/22/12-1/20/16</u>	<u>\$2400.00</u>
<u>Sr. Services</u>	<u>St. Louis, MO 63119</u>	<u></u>	<u>\$</u>
<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u>\$</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.) N/A
Divorced

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>\$ N/A</u>
<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u>\$</u>
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4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ \$58.34
Below, state any money you or your spouse has in bank accounts or in any other financial institution.

Financial Institution	Type of Account	Amount you have	Amount your spouse has
<u>Pentegon Fed CU</u>	<u>Checking/Savings</u>	<u>\$58.34</u>	<u>\$ N/A</u>
<u></u>	<u></u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
<u></u>	<u></u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</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 \$30,000.00

☐ Other real estate
Value None

☐ Motor Vehicle #1

Year, make & model 2000 Ford Taurus

Value \$600

☐ Motor Vehicle #2

Year, make & model None

Value N/A

☐ Other assets

Description None

Value N/A

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**

Cardinal Ritter Sr. Srvc

\$Not yet settled/ongoing

\$ Divorced/None

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\$

\$

\$

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

Name
No One

Relationship
N/A

Age
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. **Divorced**

You

Your Spouse

Rent or home-mortgage payment
(include lot rented for mobile home)

\$447.26

\$ N/A

Are real estate taxes included? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Is property insurance included? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Utilities (electricity, heating fuel,
Water, sewer, and telephone)

\$450.00

\$ N/A

Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)

\$ 35.00

\$ N/A

Food

\$100.00

\$ N/A

Clothing	\$ 10.00	\$ N/A
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Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ 15.00	\$ N/A
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Medical and dental expenses	\$ 30.00	\$ N/A
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	You	Your spouse
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Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ 40.00	\$ N/A
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Recreation, entertainment, newspaper, magazines, etc.	\$ 0	\$ N/A
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Insurance (not deducted from wages or Included in mortgage payments)

Homeowner's or renters	\$ 0	\$ N/A
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Life	\$ 0	\$ N/A
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Health	\$ 0	\$ N/A
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Motor vehicle	\$ 51.00	\$ N/A
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Other: <u>Dental Insurance</u>	\$ 63.00	\$ N/A
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Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)

Specify: <u>None</u>	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
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Installment payments

Motor vehicle	\$ 0	\$ N/A
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Credit card(s)	\$ 0	\$ N/A
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Department store(s)	\$ 0	\$ N/A
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Other: <u>Pentagon Federal CU</u>	\$ 30.00	\$ N/A
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Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ 0	\$ N/A
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Regular expenses for operation of business

profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)

\$ 0

\$ N/A

Other (specify): None

\$ N/A

\$ N/A

Total monthly expenses

\$1271.26

\$ 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.

I can only hope for a change in income, but I am uncertain.

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 unemployed, and I do not receive any unemployment.

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

Executed on: December 16, 2017

Melissa L. Buratt, Esq.
Signature