

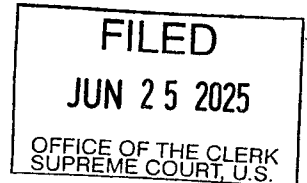
25-5195

No. _____

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

ORIGINAL

Steven Albert Martin PETITIONER
(Your Name)



VS.

Honorable Ann Hansborough — RESPONDENT(S)
Presiding Judge and Honorable
Megan Elaine Benton
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):

Missouri Supreme Court

☐ 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]
(Signature)

In the Supreme Court of the United States

**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA
PAUPERIS**

In the Supreme Court of the United States

Case No. _____

Steven Albert Martin,
Petitioner, pro se,

v.

Hon. Ann Hansbrough, Presiding Judge, and Hon. Megan Blair Benton, Commissioner,
Respondents

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

COMES NOW, Petitioner Steven Albert Martin, appearing pro se, and pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39 respectfully moves this Court for leave to proceed in forma pauperis in the above-captioned matter.

In support of this Motion, Petitioner states the following under oath:

1. I am the Petitioner in this action.
2. I am currently indigent and unable to pay the costs associated with this proceeding or provide security for them.
3. I have no significant income, savings, or access to financial resources. I am presently homeless and without any source of income or assistance from public welfare programs.
4. I have been effectively barred from access to commerce and the administration of my personal estate due to ongoing judicial inaction and denial of remedy by both the Probate Court of Platte County, Missouri and the Supreme Court of Missouri.
5. The judicial inaction has placed me in a state of continued hardship, including economic destitution, lack of housing, and inability to meet basic life needs.
6. My claim raises significant constitutional questions and challenges concerning judicial inaction, due process, equal protection, access to courts, and sovereign authority under both the United States Constitution and the Missouri Constitution.

In the Supreme Court of the United States

7. I respectfully request that this Court grant leave to file my Petition for Writ of Certiorari and supporting documents without the prepayment of fees or costs.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Executed on this 22nd day of July, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Martin", written over a horizontal line.

Steven Albert Martin
Petitioner, pro se
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**AFFIDAVIT OR DECLARATION
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

I, Steven Albert Martin, 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>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Self-employment	\$ <u>0</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>0</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>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</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 (such as welfare)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other (specify): _____	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Total monthly income:	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ <u>100</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Life	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Health	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other: _____	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): _____	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Credit card(s)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Department store(s)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other: _____	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other (specify): _____	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Total monthly expenses:	\$ <u>250</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>

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

\$ N/A

\$ N/A

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
Z. M.

Relationship
Daughter

Age
16

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)

\$ N/A

\$ N/A

Are real estate taxes included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is property insurance included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

\$ N/A

\$ N/A

Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)

\$ N/A

\$ N/A

Food

\$ 150

\$ N/A

Clothing

\$ N/A

\$ N/A

Laundry and dry-cleaning

\$ N/A

\$ N/A

Medical and dental expenses

\$ N/A

\$ 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.

*Reference attached letter
Motion of Letter Receive*

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

Executed on: July, 22, 2025


(Signature)