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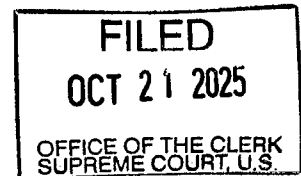
No. _____

IN THE
Supreme Court of the United States

CHIAN CHIU LI,
Petitioner,

v.

APPLE INC.,
Respondent.



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*. 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.

Date: October 21, 2025


Chian Chiu Li
Pro Se Petitioner

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

I, Chian Chiu Li, 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>2188</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>	\$ <u>2200</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
Self-employment	\$ <u>208</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>2396</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>	\$ <u>2200</u>	\$ <u>n/a</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
Anova Law Group (Piecework, e.g. translation)	21495 Ridgetop Cir # 300 Sterling, VA 20166	9/9/2019	\$ 1967
Jin Law Firm (Piecework)	P.O. Box 1937 Union City, CA 94587	4/8/2018	\$ 221

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	\$ n/a
			\$
			\$

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ 3464
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
checking	\$ 652	\$ n/a
saving	\$ 2812	\$
	\$	\$

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Home Value n/a	<input type="checkbox"/> Other real estate Value n/a
<input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle #1 Year, make & model 2001 Hyundai Elantra Value \$1200	<input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle #2 Year, make & model n/a Value
<input type="checkbox"/> 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>n/a</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
<u> </u>	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u> </u>
<u> </u>	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u> </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>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>
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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)	\$ <u>1050</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
Are real estate taxes included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Is property insurance included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	\$ <u>56</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
Food	\$ <u>400</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
Clothing	\$ <u>5</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
Medical and dental expenses	\$ <u>57</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
Life	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
Health	\$ <u>1</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>68</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
Other: _____	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): _____	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
Credit card(s)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
Department store(s)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
Other: _____	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
<i>see attachment:</i>		
Other (specify): <u>Patent Application and Other Expense</u>	\$ <u>948</u>	\$ <u>n/a</u>
Total monthly expenses:	\$ <u>2585</u>	\$ <u>n/a</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:

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

Executed on: Oct 21, 2025, 20__



(Signature)

Attachment: Patent Application and Other Expense for Question 8

1. Patent Application Fee for New Applications

Patent Application Numbers:

18/947,061 19/007,436 19/031,143 19/238,493 19/172,584 19/255,916
19/076,939 19/275,893

Total Expense: \$5642.00

2. Patent Issue Fee

Patent Application Numbers:

17/882,561 18/597,632 18/208,269 17/843,892 17/752,773

Total Expense: \$2472.00

3. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Fee

Patent Application Number: 18/763,358

Total Expense: \$600.00

4. Appeal Fee

Patent Application Number: 18/217,769

Total Expense: \$ 814.00

5. Patent Maintenance Fee

Patent Numbers: 11244252 11016564

Total Expense: \$1660.00

6. Statutory Disclaimer Fee

Patent Application Number: 18/597,632

Total Expense: \$183.00

TOTAL EXPENSE: \$11,371.00 (\$ 948.00 monthly)