

No. 25-7263

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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FRANK E. POLO, SR.

— PETITIONER

(Your Name)

VS.

SCOTT BERNSTEIN, ET AL

— 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 U.S. Southern District of Florida

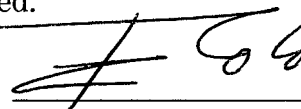
Petitioner has **not** previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in any other court.

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)

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

I, FRANK E. POLO, SR., 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>Unknown</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>Unknown</u>
Self-employment	\$ <u>660.00</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</u>	\$ <u>2,300.00</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</u>
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ _____	\$ <u>Unknown</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>Unknown</u>
Interest and dividends	\$ _____	\$ <u>Unknown</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>Unknown</u>
Gifts	\$ _____	\$ <u>Unknown</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>Unknown</u>
Alimony	\$ _____	\$ <u>Unknown</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>Unknown</u>
Child Support	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Unemployment payments	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other (specify): _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total monthly income:	\$ <u>660.00</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>2,300.00</u>	\$ _____

*See attached statement about spouse's income.

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
INDEPENDENT CONT.	1475 SW 8th St. Apt 411	Jan 2025 to Dec 2025	\$ 660.00
Polo Tax, Inc.	1475 SW 8th St. Apt 411	Jan 2022 to Sep 2024	\$ 0.00
			\$

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
			\$
			\$
			\$

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ 40.00
 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	\$ 135.16	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

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

Home Value 200,000.00 (estimated FMV)* Other real estate Value _____
 *Above Property is 50% owned as JTWRROS w/ brother; Mortgage ~\$28,000; Recorded lien/judgment ~\$80,000+

Motor Vehicle #1 Year, make & model 2025 TOYOTA COROLLA Motor Vehicle #2 Year, make & model _____
 Value LEASED Value _____

Other assets
 Description _____
 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
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

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
FP _____	SON _____	13 _____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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)	\$ 1,280.00	\$ _____
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 telephone)	\$ 220.00	\$ _____
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Food	\$ 300.00	\$ _____
Clothing	\$ _____	\$ _____
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ _____	\$ _____
Medical and dental expenses	\$ _____	\$ _____

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ <u>60.00</u>	\$ _____
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ <u>40.00</u>	\$ _____
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ _____	\$ _____
Life	\$ _____	\$ _____
Health	\$ _____	\$ _____
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>193.16</u>	\$ _____
Other: _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>138.90</u>	\$ _____
Credit card(s)	\$ <u>41.00</u>	\$ _____
Department store(s)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other: _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ _____	\$ _____
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other (specify): _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total monthly expenses:	\$ <u>2,273.06</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? _____

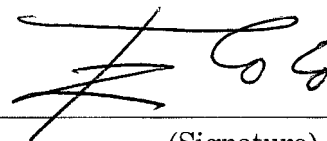
If yes, state the person's name, address, and telephone number:

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

I have student loan of more than 350,000, which are deferred.

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

Executed on: April 13, 2026



(Signature)