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No. 25A948

In The

Supreme Court of the United States

JORDAN MICHELSON,

Petitioner,

v.

TRUSTEES OF BOSTON COLLEGE
D/B/A BOSTON COLLEGE LAW SCHOOL,

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 previously been granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis in the following court(s):

- Massachusetts Superior Court, Middlesex County, Civil Action No. 218CV02940
- Massachusetts Appeals Court, Appeal No. 2024-P-0714
- Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, Further Appellate Review Petition No. FAR-30416

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

Signed,

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

I, Jordan L. Michelson, 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.**

   Average monthly income over the past 12 months:

   - Self-Employment (June-March): approx. $2000/mo. gross
   - Employment (March-Present): approx. $12,000/mo. gross

   Petitioner does not have income-generating assets and did not receive any substantial income from real property, interest, dividends, alimony, child support, retirement, disability, public assistance, unemployment payments. In the past 12 months, Petitioner received approximately $1,200 from gifts. Petitioner does not have a spouse.

2. **List your employment history for the past two years, most recent first.**

   Self-Employed (August 2022-March 2026):

   - 2024: $2,750/month gross
   - 2025: $4,500/month gross
     - Q1-Q2: $7,900/mo. gross
     - Q3-Q4: $2,475/mo. gross
   - 2026: N/A

   U.S. Department of Justice (March 2026-Present):

   - G-14: $12,000/mo. gross

3. **List your spouse's employment history for the past two years, most recent employer first.**

   N/A.

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.**

   Petitioner currently has $2,500 in a TD Bank account ($1,800 in checking, $700 in savings).

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

and ordinary household furnishings.

Petitioner does not own a home or other real estate. Petitioner does not own a vehicle. Petitioner owns about $2,500 in personal electronics equipment (phone, laptop, etc.). No other assets.

6. **State every person, business, or organization owing you or your spouse money, and the amount owed.**

   N/A.

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

   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.**

   Petitioner recently moved from New York to Washington, D.C., for a job and is currently paying double rent. That will likely continue through the end of the summer.

   Rent: $1,700/mo. (D.C. apartment)

   Rent: $2,000/mo. (share of New York apartment)

   Utilities: $100/mo.

   Food: $600+/mo.

   Clothing: $100/mo. (spreading out clothes for new job over next few months)

   Medical & Dental: $50/mo.

   Transportation: $200/mo.

   Recreation, entertainment: $200/mo.

   Insurance: deducted.

   Taxes: deducted.

Regular expenses for operation of business, profession: $350/mo.

- WestLaw: $225/mo.
- Adobe: $25/mo.
- Bar expenses: $100/mo.

Total: $5,300/mo.

No real estate taxes, property insurance, home maintenance, installment payments, alimony, maintenance, or support paid to others.

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. Petitioner's law school loans were in the now-defunct SAVE plan and will exit forbearance in July 2026. Petitioner expects to pay between $450 and $1,000 per month once that occurs.

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?

No.

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?

No.

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

$180,000 in law school loans and $13,000 in credit card debt.

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

Executed on: June 14, 2026

Signature: