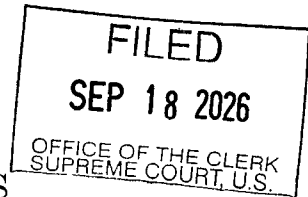


26-5693

No. _____

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES



Jennifer-Ann Barron — PETITIONER
(Your Name)

VS.

Dan Hibbler — 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):

Circuit Court of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit,

Kane County, Illinois (100% fee waiver)

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

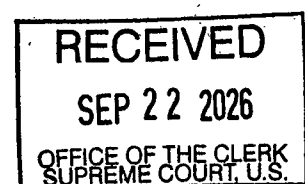
☒ Petitioner's affidavit or declaration in support of this motion is attached hereto.

☐ 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.

Jennifer Ann Barron
(Signature)



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

I, Jennifer-Ann Barron, 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>6,346.58</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>5,952.89</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Self-employment	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Interest and dividends	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Gifts	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Alimony	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Child Support	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Unemployment payments	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other (specify): <u>None</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Total monthly income:	\$ <u>6,346.58</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>5,952.89</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
Haines & Associates, LLC	1121 E Main St Ste 310, St Charles IL 60174	Feb 2023-present	\$4,407.31
DePaul University	1 E Jackson Blvd, Chicago IL 60604	Mar 2015-present	\$1,939.27
None	N/A	N/A	\$ 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
N/A - unmarried	N/A	N/A	\$ N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ N/A

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$80.00

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 - Consumers CU	\$2,165.49	\$ N/A
Savings - Consumers CU	\$896.96	\$ N/A
Other: None	\$0.00	\$ N/A

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

☐ Home
Value _____

☐ Other real estate
Value _____

☒ Motor Vehicle #1
Year, make & model 2010 Honda Fit
Value 3,008.25

☐ Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model _____
Value _____

☒ Other assets
Description Fidelity 403(b) + Ameriprise IRA
Value 51,587.62

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
None _____	\$0.00 _____	\$ 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	Relationship	Age
L.C.H. _____	Daughter _____	9 _____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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)	\$ 1,400.00 _____	\$ N/A _____
Are real estate taxes included? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
Is property insurance included? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	\$ 335.78 _____	\$ N/A _____
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ 15.00 _____	\$ N/A _____
Food	\$ 440.62 _____	\$ N/A _____
Clothing	\$ 26.66 _____	\$ N/A _____
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ 10.00 _____	\$ N/A _____
Medical and dental expenses	\$ 343.17 _____	\$ N/A _____

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ <u>315.26</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ <u>161.16</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ <u>7.08</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Life	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Health	\$ <u>169.15</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>90.73</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other: <u>None</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): <u>None</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Credit card(s)	\$ <u>2,316.15</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Department store(s)	\$ <u>141.08</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other: <u>CCU loans + student loan</u>	\$ <u>1,162.66</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ <u>1,138.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other (specify): <u>Other living/personal/professional costs</u>	\$ <u>1,415.32</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Total monthly expenses:	\$ <u>9,487.82</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? N/A

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

N/A

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? N/A

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

N/A

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

See attached sheet (Questions 9 and 12).

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

Executed on:

September 17, 2026

Jennifer Ann Barson
(Signature)

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Jennifer-Ann Barron - Attachment to IFP Declaration

Question 9 - Major change in expenses

Yes. On August 17, 2026, the Circuit Court of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Kane County, entered an order requiring me to pay \$1,138 per month beginning with my first paycheck after September 1, 2026, an obligation that will continue during the next 12 months. The monthly amount consists of \$832 child support, \$116 toward the child's health, dental, and vision insurance, and \$190 toward an arrearage. This is a substantial new monthly obligation that was not included in my June 24, 2026 Financial Affidavit.

Question 12 - Other information explaining inability to pay

My June 24, 2026 sworn Financial Affidavit reports \$5,952.89 in monthly gross income, \$1,282.77 in monthly payroll deductions, \$4,729.93 in monthly living expenses, and \$3,619.89 in monthly debt payments. Adding the new \$1,138 monthly support obligation produces approximately \$9,487.82 in monthly obligations. I am unmarried, have no real estate or business ownership, receive no child support or other non-employment income, and have only \$80 cash on hand. My principal non-cash assets are retirement accounts and a 2010 Honda Fit. The Kane County Circuit Court previously granted me a 100% fee waiver. Payment of the Supreme Court filing costs would materially impair my ability to meet ordinary living expenses, debt payments, and the court-ordered support obligation.

Amounts are stated as monthly estimates and are based on the June 24, 2026 sworn Financial Affidavit and current court order.