

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
GAINESVILLE DIVISION**

BLAKE AUSTIN
MCREYNOLDS,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 1:23-cv-212-AW-MJF

D. COURTOT, *et al.*,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PRO BONO OPPORTUNITY

This is notice of an opportunity to provide *pro bono* representation in the case of *McReynolds v. Courtot*, No. 1:23-cv-212-AW/MJF.

Plaintiff is a prisoner in the custody of the Florida Department of Corrections. Plaintiff is visually impaired. Plaintiff's fourth amended complaint is the operative complaint. Doc. 30.

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983, Plaintiff is suing a correctional officer and two "Jane Doe" Nurses who worked at the Cross City Correctional Institution. Plaintiff claims that after filing grievances against non-defendant correctional staff, the defendants retaliated against Plaintiff. Specifically, Plaintiff alleges that the correctional officer punched Plaintiff in the face, wrote false disciplinary reports, instructed the Jane Doe nurses to falsify Plaintiff's medical records to state that Plaintiff did not suffer from a seizure disorder, and then placed Plaintiff in a cell that was coated in chemical residue. According to Plaintiff, the Jane Doe Nurses falsified Plaintiff's

medical records and failed to provide medication to prevent seizures.

Public funds are not available for payment of attorney's fees. Fees may be recoverable under applicable law if Plaintiff prevails. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 1988(b); *World Outreach Conference Ctr. v. City of Chicago*, 234 F. Supp. 3d 904 (N.D. Ill. 2017). Limited funds sometimes are available from the District's Bench and Bar Fund for the payment of out-of-pocket expenses incurred by an attorney providing representation of this type.

Members of the District's bar will be afforded access to the electronic docket without charge for the purpose of considering whether to undertake the representation. An attorney who wishes to represent Plaintiff may contact him directly and may enter the case by filing a notice of appearance after consultation with Plaintiff. Plaintiff currently is housed at the Graceville Correctional Facility.