

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA  
FOURTH DISTRICT  
110 SOUTH TAMARIND AVENUE, WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33401**

Eliot Ivan Bernstein

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Petitioner/Appellant,

50-2018-CA-002317-XXXX-MB

v. Walter Sahm & Patricia Sahm

CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent/Appellee.

**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS AND  
AFFIDAVIT OF INDIGENT STATUS**

Eliot Ivan Bernstein

Petitioner/Appellant \_\_\_\_\_, in propria persona, respectfully requests a Clerk's Certificate of Indigency permitting him/her to proceed in forma pauperis. In support hereof petitioner/appellant submits a financial affidavit of indigency as required by section 57.081 or 57.085(2), Florida Statutes.

1. I have <sup>0</sup> dependents. (Do not include children not living at home and do not include working spouses.)

2. I have take-home income of \$<sup>0.00</sup> paid ( ) weekly ( ) bi-weekly ( ) semi-monthly ( ) monthly (Take-home income equals salary, wages, bonuses, commissions, allowances, overtime, tips and similar payments minus deductions required by law and other court-ordered payments.)

3. I have \$<sup>0.00</sup> in other annual income: (Circle "Yes" and fill in the amount if you have this kind of income or circle "No" if you do not have this kind of income.)

Social Security benefits	Yes \$	_____
Unemployment compensation	Yes \$	_____
Union funds	Yes \$	_____
Workers' compensation	Yes \$	_____
Retirement/pensions	Yes \$	_____
Trusts or gifts	Yes \$	_____
Veterans' benefits	Yes \$	_____
Other regular support from family members/spouse	Yes \$	_____
Rental income	Yes \$	_____
Dividends or interest	Yes \$	_____
Other kinds of income not on the list	Yes \$	_____

No  
No  
No  
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No  
No  
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No  
No  
No  
No  
No

4. I have \$<sup>0.00</sup> in other assets. (Circle "Yes" and fill in the value of the property or circle "No" if you do not have this kind of property.)

Cash	Yes \$	_____
Savings	Yes \$	_____
Bank account(s)	Yes \$	_____
Stocks and bonds	Yes \$	_____
Certificates of deposit or money market accounts	Yes \$	_____
Real estate (your ownership interest)	Yes \$	_____
Boat(s) or aircraft (your ownership interest)	Yes \$	_____
Motor vehicle(s) (your ownership interest)	Yes \$	_____
Life Insurance (cash value)	Yes \$	_____
Other valuable tangible property (like jewelry, coin collections, etc.)	Yes \$	_____

No  
No  
No  
No  
No  
No  
No  
No  
No  
No

5. I expect to get or receive something of value at a later date (Like a tax refund, payments from lawsuits, accrued vacation leave, a bonus, or inheritance) Yes No

No

6. **I receive:** (Circle "Yes" or "No")  
 Temp. Assistance for Needy Families-Cash Assistance ..... Yes ☐ No  
 Poverty-related veterans' benefits ..... Yes ☐ No  
 Supplemental Security Income (SSI) ..... Yes ☐ No
7. **I have total liabilities and debts of \$\_\_\_\_\_ as follows:** motor vehicle \$\_\_\_\_\_; home \$\_\_\_\_\_;  
 other real property \$\_\_\_\_\_; child support paid direct \$\_\_\_\_\_; credit cards \$<sup>30-50K</sup>\_\_\_\_\_; medical bills  
 \$\_\_\_\_\_; cost of medicines (monthly) \$\_\_\_\_\_; and other \$\_\_\_\_\_.
8. **I have been released on bail in the amount of \$5,000 or more in this case** ..... Yes ☐ No
9. **I have a private lawyer in this case** ..... Yes ☐ No
10. **If you have been convicted of a crime and are incarcerated, you must complete the questions in this paragraph and attach the required copy of your inmate trust account.**

My inmate number is: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount currently held in inmate trust account: \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Attach photocopy of your trust account records for the preceding six (6) months or for whole time of incarceration, whichever period is shorter.**

I certify that I have \_\_\_\_\_ have not \_\_\_\_\_ been adjudicated indigent under section 57.081, 57.085 or 28 U.S.C. § 1915. If your answer is "YES" and it occurred twice in the preceding three (3) years, you are required to list each suit, action, claim, proceeding, or appeal which you have intervened in any court or other adjudicatory forum in the proceeding five years. (LIST ONLY REQUIRED IF PARTY FILING MOTION HAS BEEN ADJUDICATED INDIGENT TWICE IN THE PROCEEDING 3 YEARS.)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Attach extra sheet(s) if necessary.

I Eliot Ivan Bernstein (insert name) assert that I am presently unable to pay court costs and fees, and under penalty of perjury, I swear or affirm that all statements in this affidavit are true and complete.

11. I understand that I may be required to make payments for fees and costs to the clerk in accordance with § 57.082(5) or § 57.085, Florida Statutes, as provided by law, although I may agree to pay more if I choose to do so.

12. A person who knowingly provides false information to the clerk or the court in seeking a determination of indigent status under § 57.082, Florida Statutes, commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in § 775.082 or § 775.083, Florida Statutes. **I attest that the information I have provided on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.**

*Eliot Ivan Bernstein*

3/27/2025

Signature of Applicant for Indigent Status

Date Signed

Eliot Ivan Bernstein

PRINT Full Legal Name

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of this document has been provided to the following opposing counsel or parties:  
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on this 27th day of March, 2025.

*Eliot Ivan Bernstein*

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Filer's Signature

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Inmate Number (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_