

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
TALLAHASSEE DIVISION**

**DEONSEY LONTE JOHNSON,**

*Plaintiff,*

v.

**Case No.: 4:18cv282-MW/MAF**

**JERRY HILL, et al.,**

*Defendants.*

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**ORDER DIRECTING THE CLERK TO NOTIFY  
BAR MEMBERS OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
REPRESENT THE PLAINTIFF OR DEFENDANT PRO BONO**

The clerk must send a notice to all attorneys registered with the court's electronic filing system. The notice must state:

This is notice of an opportunity to provide pro bono service either individually or by overseeing work of a law student or other qualified individual, including, for example, a retired attorney.

The case is Deonsey Lonte Johnson v. Jerry Hill, No. 4:18cv282-MW/MAF. A jury trial is set for on June 13, 2022, in Tallahassee. The trial will probably last three days.

Mr. Johnson, who was formerly incarcerated in the Taylor Correctional Facility, is proceeding *pro se* and *in forma pauperis*. Mr. Johnson asserts that Mr. Hill, a former corrections officer at Taylor Correctional Facility, violated his Eighth Amendment rights by failing to protect him from false imprisonment, aggravated battery, and aggravated assault at the hands of another inmate. The claims are described in the Report and Recommendation. ECF No. 84.

Public funds are not available for the payment of attorney's fees. Limited funds sometimes are available from the district's Bench and Bar Fund for the payment of out-of-pocket expenses.

An attorney who wishes to represent Mr. Johnson may contact him directly and may enter the case by filing a notice of appearance. Mr. Johnson is currently housed in the Graceville Correctional Facility.

An attorney who wishes to represent Mr. Hill may contact the Clerk's Office.

Under a Florida Bar Foundation program, a law student may be available to provide representation under the supervision of an attorney. An attorney willing to supervise a law student, or who wishes to obtain more information about this possibility, may obtain information at <FloridaProBonoMatters.org>. Upon deciding to proceed, such an attorney may contact Mr. Johnson or Mr. Hill and file a notice of appearance.

Access to the electronic docket will be made available without charge for consideration of a response to this notice.

**SO ORDERED on January 11, 2022.**

**s/Mark E. Walker**  
**Chief United States District Judge**