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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

JEROME JULIUS BROWN, SR.,  
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Plaintiff,  
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v.  
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SUBURBAN PROPANE L.P.,  
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Defendant.  
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Civil Action No. **09 2012**

**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

For purposes of this Memorandum Opinion and Order, the Court consolidates three complaints, each of which is accompanied by an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Rule 8(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires that a complaint contain a short and plain statement of the grounds upon which the court’s jurisdiction depends, a short and plain statement showing that the pleader is entitled to relief, and a demand for judgment for the relief the pleader seeks to obtain. Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a). The purpose of the minimum standard of Rule 8 is to give fair notice to the defendants of the claim being asserted, sufficient to prepare a responsive answer, to prepare an adequate defense and to determine whether the doctrine of *res judicata* applies. *Brown v. Califano*, 75 F.R.D. 497, 498 (D.D.C. 1977).

Plaintiff’s complaint fails to accomplish the basic purpose of Rule 8(a). Each pleading purports to be a petition for a writ, but it is unclear from the pleading and the attachments the relief plaintiff is seeking. Accordingly, the complaint will be dismissed without prejudice for failure to comply with Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a).<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The Court notes that, in this calendar year, plaintiff has filed at least eight complaints, each dismissed without prejudice for its failure to comply with Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a).

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An Order consistent with this Memorandum Opinion will be issued separately on this date.

  
United States District Judge

DATE: 10/16/09