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| 8 | IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT |
| 9 | FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA |
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| 11 | CAROLINE BIRK, No. CIV S-09-1811-GEB-CMK |
| 12 | Plaintiff, |
| 13 | vs. <u>ORDER</u> |
| 14 | GATEWAY FUNDING CORP., et al., |
| 15 | Defendants. |
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| 17 | Plaintiff, who is proceeding with retained counsel, brings this civil action. |
| 18 | Pending before the court is plaintiff's request for leave to proceed in forma pauperis (Doc. 3). |
| 19 | Plaintiff's complaint, and service thereof by the United States Marshal if appropriate, will be |
| 20 | addressed separately. The Clerk of the Court shall not issue summons or set this matter for an |
| 21 | initial scheduling conference unless specifically directed by the court to do so. |
| 22 | Plaintiff has submitted the affidavit required by 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a) showing that |
| 23 | plaintiff is unable to prepay fees and costs or give security therefor. |
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Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis (Doc. 3) is granted.

DATED: July 6, 2009

CRAIG M. KELLISON UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE