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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MICHAEL HUCUL,

Plaintiff,

v.

The County of San Diego, the San Diego
County Department of Child Support
Services (DCSS) and it's director, Alisha
Griffin as an individual and in her official
capacity,

Defendant.

Case No.: 17cv1531-CAB-MDD

**ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S
MOTION TO FILE
ELECTRONICALLY [Doc. No. 3]**

Presently before the Court is Plaintiff Michael Hucul’s Motion for Leave to File Electronically, Local Civil Rule 5.4, General Order 550, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Rules 5 and 83. [Doc. No. 3.] Having considered Plaintiff’s arguments and the law, the Court **GRANTS** Plaintiff’s motion to file electronically.

Generally, “[e]xcept as prescribed by local rule, order, or other procedure, the Court has designated all cases to be assigned to the Electronic Filing System.” Civ. L.R. 5.4(a). With respect to pro se litigants, however, “[u]nless otherwise authorized by the court, all documents submitted for filing to the Clerk’s Office . . . must be in legible, paper form.” Office of the Clerk, United States District Court for the Southern District of

1 California, Electronic Case Filing Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual § 2(b)
2 (2017).

3 A pro se party seeking leave to electronically file documents must file a motion
4 and demonstrate the means to do so properly by stating their equipment and software
5 capabilities in addition to agreeing to follow all rules and policies in the CM/ECF
6 Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual. Id. The manual refers to the court's
7 official web site for CM/ECF technical specifications, id. at § 1(i), which include a
8 "computer running Windows or Macintosh"; "[s]oftware to convert documents from a
9 word processor format to [PDF], such as Adobe Acrobat PDF Writer; "Adobe Acrobat
10 7.0 and higher meet the CM/ECF filing requirements"; "PDF compatible word processor
11 like WordPerfect or Word"; "Internet access supporting a transfer rate of 56kb or
12 higher"; a compatible browser, such as Firefox 15.x, Internet Explorer 9.x, or Safari
13 5.1/6.x; and a "[s]canner to image non-computerized documents 400 pixels per inch
14 (ppi)," United States District Court, Southern District of California, CM/ECF: General
15 Info, <https://www.casd.uscourts.gov/CMECF/SitePages/Home.aspx>.

16 In the motion, Plaintiff states the following:

17 Plaintiff motions this Honorable District Court for leave to electronically file
18 documents. Plaintiff is using a Mac computer that is PDF compatible with
19 Adobe Acrobat 7.0 or higher and **PDF** Writer. Plaintiffs [sic] computer uses
20 a Safari browser that is compatible to Adobe Acrobat 7.0 or higher, is able to
21 convert to PDF and it's version of 10.1.2 (12603.3.8) exceeds the required
22 5.1/6x. to work correctly with CM/ECF version 6.1. Plaintiff uses "Pages",
23 which for Mac is similar to Wordperfect or Word and also converts to PDF.
24 Plaintiff has internet access with 56kb or higher and has a scanner to image
25 non-computerized documents at 400(ppi). Plaintiff agrees to follow all rules
26 and policies in the CM/ECF AdIninistrative Policies and Procedures
27 Manual, agrees to register as a user with the Clerk's Office and is a
28 subscriber to Pacer. (Drury v Barcelona (2016) U.S. District D. Nevada).

[Doc. No. 3 at 2.]

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1 Because Plaintiff has provided sufficient information required by the CMECF
2 Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual, the Court **GRANTS** Plaintiff's motion
3 for leave to file electronically. [Doc. No. 3.]

4 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

5 Dated: August 1, 2017



Hon. Cathy Ann Bencivengo
United States District Judge

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