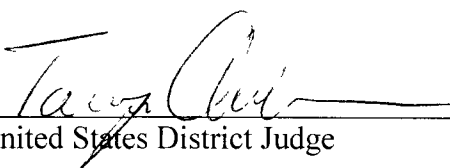


as “a public defender does not act under color of state law when performing a lawyer’s traditional functions as counsel to a defendant in a criminal proceeding.” *Polk Cnty. v. Dodson*, 454 U.S. 312, 325 (1981); see *Rice v. District of Columbia Pub. Def. Serv.*, 531 F. Supp. 2d 202, 204 (D.D.C. 2008).

The Court will grant the plaintiff’s application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and dismiss this action. An Order accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

DATE: 10/24 /2016


United States District Judge