

# United States Court of Appeals

FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

No. 17-5255

September Term, 2017

1:17-cv-01799-UNA

Filed On: April 11, 2018

Carlyn Watts,

Appellant

v.

United States Department of Justice,

Appellee

## ON APPEAL FROM THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**BEFORE:** Rogers and Kavanaugh, Circuit Judges, and Ginsburg,  
Senior Circuit Judge

### J U D G M E N T

This appeal was considered on the record from the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and on the brief filed by appellant. See Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2); D.C. Cir. Rule 34(j). It is

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that the district court's order filed October 2, 2017 be affirmed. The court did not abuse its discretion in dismissing the complaint without prejudice for failure to meet the minimal pleading requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8(a). Rule 8(a)(2) requires "a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief, in order to give the defendant fair notice of what the . . . claim is and the grounds upon which it rests." Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly, 550 U.S. 544, 555 (2007) (internal quotation marks omitted, ellipsis in original).

Pursuant to D.C. Circuit Rule 36, this disposition will not be published. The Clerk is directed to withhold issuance of the mandate herein until seven days after resolution of any timely petition for rehearing or petition for rehearing en banc. See Fed. R. App. P. 41(b); D.C. Cir. Rule 41.

### Per Curiam

**FOR THE COURT:**  
Mark J. Langer, Clerk

BY: /s/  
Michael C. McGrail  
Deputy Clerk