

United States Court of Appeals
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

No. 25-7121

September Term, 2025

1:25-cv-02438-UNA

Filed On: December 1, 2025

May Chen,

Appellant

v.

District of Columbia, et al.,

Appellees

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

BEFORE: Katsas, Walker, and Childs, Circuit Judges

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). Upon consideration of the foregoing, the motion for default judgment, the supplement thereto, and the motion to expedite, it is

ORDERED that the motion for default judgment be denied. It is

FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the district court’s order filed August 11, 2025 be affirmed. The district court did not abuse its discretion in dismissing appellant’s complaint for failure to comply with the pleading standards of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8(a)(2). See Spence v. United States Dep’t of Veterans Affs., 109 F.4th 531, 542 (D.C. Cir. 2024) (“Enforcement of Rule 8 is largely a matter for the trial court’s discretion.” (internal quotation omitted)). Appellant’s complaint did not set forth “a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief,” which is required to “give the defendant fair notice of what the . . . claim is and the grounds upon which it rests.” Bell Atl. Corp. v. Twombly, 550 U.S. 544, 555 (2007) (alteration in original). It is

FURTHER ORDERED that the motion to expedite be dismissed as moot.

Pursuant to D.C. Circuit Rule 36, this disposition will not be published.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

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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:
Clifton B. Cislak, Clerk

BY: /s/
Michael C. McGrail
Deputy Clerk