UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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(In the space above enter the full name(s) of the plaintiff(s)/petitioner(s).)

___ Civ. _____ (___) (___)

-against-

APPLICATION FOR THE COURT TO REQUEST *PRO BONO* COUNSEL

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(In the space above enter the full name(s) of the defendant(s)/respondent(s).)

I, _____, *(print or type your name)* am a party in this case and cannot afford an attorney. I ask the Court to request *pro bono* counsel to represent me in this action. **I understand that even if the Court grants this application, I will receive *pro bono* counsel only if an attorney through Court's *Pro Bono* Program volunteers to take my case and that there is no guarantee that an attorney will volunteer to represent me.**

1. In support of my application, I provide the following information: (*Use additional paper if necessary.*)

   A. Have you asked the Court to request *pro bono* counsel in this case before? If yes, when were your prior applications filed and what has changed in the status of your case since you last asked the Court to request *pro bono* counsel?

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   B. Requests for *pro bono* counsel are rarely granted at the early stages of a case and usually not before the Court has issued a decision on the merits of the case. What has happened in your case that demonstrates the potential merit of your case?

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C. Explain why you need an attorney in this case.

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D. Explain what steps you have taken to find an attorney and with what results. (*Please identify the lawyers, law firms or legal clinics you have contacted and their responses to your requests. If you have limited access to the telephone, mail, or other communication methods, or if you otherwise have had difficulty contacting attorneys, please explain.*)

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E. If you need an attorney who speaks a language other than English, state what language(s) you speak:

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2. In further support of my application, I declare that (check appropriate box):

☐ I have previously filed a Request to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* in this case, and it is a true and correct representation of my current financial status.

☐ I have not previously filed a Request to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* in this case, and now attach an original Request to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* detailing my financial status.

☐ I have previously filed a Request to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* in this case, however, my financial status has changed. I have attached another Request to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* showing my current financial status.

3. I understand that if an attorney volunteers to represent me and that attorney learns that I can afford to pay for an attorney, the attorney may give this information to the Court.

4. I understand that if my answers on this application are false, my case may be dismissed.

5. **I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.**

Dated: _____ _____
Signature