

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF
LOUISIANA

Jessica Carline v. Samsung Electronics America, Inc.

Carline · No. 3:24-cv-00656 · Decided January 13, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana dismissed Jessica Carline’s action against Samsung Electronics America, Inc. without prejudice under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b). The court found that Carline failed to appear at a telephone conference and a subsequent show-cause hearing, despite receiving court orders and notice that noncompliance could result in dismissal.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Shelly D. Dick
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana
DECIDED	January 13, 2026
DOCKET	3:24-cv-00656
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court sua sponte dismissed the action without prejudice under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b) after the self-represented plaintiff failed to attend a court-ordered status conference and a subsequent show-cause hearing.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished

TOPICS

civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

civil procedure case management failure to prosecute

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the district court may dismiss an action on its own motion under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b) when the plaintiff fails to prosecute and fails to comply with court orders.
2. Whether Plaintiff's repeated failures to attend court proceedings and comply with court orders warranted dismissal without prejudice.

HOLDINGS

1. A district court may dismiss an action on its own motion under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b), with or without notice to the parties, when the plaintiff fails to prosecute or comply with court orders.
2. Dismissal without prejudice was warranted because Plaintiff failed to attend a court-ordered telephone conference, failed to comply with a show-cause order, and failed to attend the show-cause hearing despite notice and warnings that dismissal could result.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"A district court may dismiss a case on its own motion under Rule 41(b) with or without notice to the parties."

"IT IS ORDERED that the above-captioned lawsuit be DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b) for the failure of Plaintiff Jessica Carline to comply with Court orders and failure to prosecute this case."

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Following the withdrawal of Plaintiff's former attorney, the court ordered Plaintiff to attend a December 2, 2025 telephone conference concerning the status of the case. Plaintiff did not appear, did not contact the court, and did not respond to a subsequent order requiring her to appear and show cause why the case should not be dismissed. Plaintiff also failed to appear at the January 8, 2026 show-cause hearing despite notice by regular and certified mail.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

After Plaintiff's former counsel withdrew, the court gave Plaintiff time to obtain new counsel and ordered her to attend a telephone status conference. Plaintiff failed to attend that conference, failed to respond to an order requiring her to appear and show cause, and failed to attend the show-cause hearing. The court dismissed the case without prejudice for failure to comply with court orders and failure to prosecute.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- Boudwin v. Graystone Ins. Co. Ltd., 756 F.2d 399, 401 (5th Cir. 1985)
- Link v. Wabash Railroad Co., 370 U.S. 626, 82 S. Ct. 1386, 8 L. Ed. 2d 734 (1962)

