

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

Domonique D. Thomas v. Consumer Portfolio Services

Civil No. SAG-25-2807 (D. Md. Dec. 2, 2025) · No. Civil No. SAG-25-2807 · Decided December 2, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of Maryland granted Consumer Portfolio Services’ motion to dismiss Domonique D. Thomas’s complaint without prejudice. The court held that the complaint sought debt verification and discovery without stating a plausible claim under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act or another legal provision, and rejected theories concerning loan securitization and alleged failure to fund the loan.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of Maryland
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Stephanie A. Gallagher
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the District of Maryland
DECIDED	December 2, 2025
DOCKET	Civil No. SAG-25-2807
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Consumer Portfolio Services removed Plaintiff’s state-court action to federal court and moved to dismiss under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6). The court granted the motion and dismissed the complaint without prejudice.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	On a Rule 12(b)(6) motion, the court accepts well-pleaded factual allegations as true, draws reasonable inferences in the plaintiff’s favor, disregards legal conclusions, and determines whether the complaint states a facially plausible claim for relief.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished district court memorandum opinion
PARTIES	Domonique D. Thomas v. Consumer Portfolio Services

TOPICS

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PRACTICE AREAS

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the complaint stated a plausible claim for relief under the FDCPA or any other legal provision.
2. Whether a plaintiff may obtain verification or evidentiary materials from a defendant without asserting a viable underlying legal claim.

HOLDINGS

1. The complaint failed to state a claim under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8(a)(2) because it did not allege facts plausibly supporting an FDCPA claim or any other legal claim.
2. Thomas could not obtain discovery or evidentiary materials from CPS in the absence of a viable legal claim.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Plaintiff’s Complaint appears to pursue discovery in support of a potential claim without asserting facts establishing a plausible legal claim.”

“Because Plaintiff has not identified or stated any claim plausibly entitling her to relief, CPS’s Motion to Dismiss, ECF 9, is granted and her claims are dismissed without prejudice.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

CPS was alleged to be the holder of a promissory note purchased as a mortgage-backed securities instrument. Thomas believed CPS might be unable to produce the original promissory note and an accounting showing that the loan had been funded. Her complaint sought verification of debt and appeared to request evidence in support of a potential FDCPA or other claim, but did not identify facts establishing a viable legal cause of action.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Thomas filed a state-court complaint seeking verification of debt and apparently alleging a possible violation of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. CPS removed the action, moved to dismiss for failure to state a claim, and filed a reply after Thomas opposed the motion. The district court concluded that the complaint sought discovery without identifying a viable legal claim and dismissed the action without prejudice; the case was closed.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- *In re Birmingham*, 846 F.3d 88, 92 (4th Cir. 2017)
- *Goines v. Valley Community Services Board*, 822 F.3d 159, 165–66 (4th Cir. 2016)

- Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly, 550 U.S. 544, 555, 556, 570 (2007)
- Ashcroft v. Iqbal, 556 U.S. 662, 684 (2009)
- Willner v. Dimon, 849 F.3d 93, 112 (4th Cir. 2017)
- Johnson v. City of Shelby, 574 U.S. 10 (2014) (per curiam)
- E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. v. Kolon Industries, Inc., 637 F.3d 435, 440 (4th Cir. 2011)
- Semenova v. Maryland Transit Administration, 845 F.3d 564, 567 (4th Cir. 2017)
- Houck v. Substitute Trustee Services, Inc., 791 F.3d 473, 484 (4th Cir. 2015)
- Papasan v. Allain, 478 U.S. 265, 286 (1986)
- A Society Without a Name v. Virginia, 655 F.3d 342, 346 (4th Cir. 2011), cert. denied, 566 U.S. 937 (2012)
- Erickson v. Pardus, 551 U.S. 89, 94 (2007)
- Estelle v. Gamble, 429 U.S. 97, 106 (1976)
- Bey v. Shapiro Brown & Alt, LLP, 997 F. Supp. 2d 310, 314 (D. Md. 2014), aff'd, 584 F. App'x 135 (4th Cir. 2014)
- Coulibaly v. J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., Civ. No. DKC-10-3517, 2011 WL 3476994, at *6 (D. Md. Aug. 8, 2011), aff'd, 526 F. App'x 255 (4th Cir. 2013)
- Brock v. Carroll, 107 F.3d 241, 242–43 (4th Cir. 1997) (Luttig, J., concurring in judgment)
- Weller v. Department of Social Services, 901 F.2d 387, 391 (4th Cir. 1990)
- Beaudett v. City of Hampton, 775 F.2d 1274, 1278 (4th Cir. 1985)
- M.D. v. School Board of Richmond, 560 F. App'x 199, 203 n.4 (4th Cir. 2014)
- McKinney v. Towd Point Mortgage Trust Asset-Backed Securities, Series 2016-1, Civ. No. 8:22-cv-02878-PX, 2023 WL 8545224, at *3 (D. Md. Dec. 11, 2023)
- Alexander v. Bank of America, N.A., Civ. No. 17-3815, 2017 WL 4844274, at *3 (E.D. La. Oct. 26, 2017)

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