

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF
WASHINGTON

**Amschel Rothschild El, Moorish American National, Sui Juris,
formerly known as Kondwani Saeed Davis, formerly known as
Amschel Mayer James Rothschild, II v. Sound Exchange, Inc.**

Rothschild El v. Sound Exchange · No. 2:25-cv-01798-TL · Decided December 5, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Western District of Washington strikes seven filings submitted by Plaintiff, including two motions and five notices. The Court explains that no operative pleading exists because the original complaint was dismissed under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii), and the amended pleadings remain subject to screening. The motions are struck as premature, and the notices are struck as superfluous, with leave to refile the motions if appropriate.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Western District of Washington
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Tana Lin
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Western District of Washington
DECIDED	December 5, 2025
DOCKET	2:25-cv-01798-TL
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court addressed seven filings made by the plaintiff while the case had no operative pleading: two motions and five notices. The court struck all seven filings, striking the motions with leave to refile if appropriate.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court applied the screening requirement in 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii) to the proposed second amended complaint and considered the amendment request under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a), while determining that the more rigorous statutory screening process made a separate Rule 15(a) futility analysis unnecessary.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished district court order; precedential status unknown

TOPICS

motion to amend

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PRACTICE AREAS

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federal pleading and screening

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the proposed second amended complaint should be treated as superseding the first amended complaint for purposes of the pending statutory screening review.
2. Whether the court should conduct a separate Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a) analysis of the motion for leave to amend when the proposed second amended complaint must undergo screening under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii).
3. Whether the plaintiff's motions and notices were premature or procedurally unnecessary while no operative pleading existed.

HOLDINGS

1. Because the proposed second amended complaint could not become operative without court approval and statutory screening, the court construed it as having superseded the first amended complaint, rendering the pending screening review of the first amended complaint moot.
2. The court would review the proposed second amended complaint under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii) only and would forgo a separate Rule 15(a) analysis.
3. The court struck the plaintiff's motions as premature and struck the notices as superfluous; the motions could be refiled if appropriate.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“A district court maintains “the authority ‘to manage [its] dockets and courtrooms with a view toward the efficient and expedient resolution of cases.’” (at 2)

“Until such review of the SAC occurs, however, there remains no operative pleading in this case.” (at 3)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The plaintiff's original in forma pauperis complaint failed to state a claim and was dismissed. After reconsideration was denied, the plaintiff filed a first amended complaint and sought leave to file a second amended complaint, but the proposed second amended complaint had not yet been screened or approved. During that interim period, the plaintiff filed motions to compel issuance of summons and to restore adversarial process, a motion to stay, and five notices.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The court previously dismissed the plaintiff's original in forma pauperis complaint under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii) for failure to state a claim and denied reconsideration. The plaintiff then filed a first amended complaint and moved for leave to file a second amended complaint, submitting a proposed second amended complaint.

Before screening the proposed second amended complaint, the plaintiff filed the motions and notices addressed in this order.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Lopez v. Smith, 203 F.3d 1122, 1127 (9th Cir. 2000)
- Cahill v. Insider Inc., 131 F.4th 933, 938 (9th Cir. 2025)
- Dietz v. Bouldin, 579 U.S. 40, 47 (2016)
- Aldan v. World Corp., 267 F.R.D. 346, 360–61 (D.N. Mar. I. 2010)

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