

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS

Vanessa Tucker v. Harcros Chemicals Inc., et al.

No. 25-2569-KHV (D. Kan. Apr. 9, 2026) · No. No. 25-2569-KHV · Decided April 9, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of Kansas granted Koninklijke Philips N.V.’s motion to dismiss Vanessa Tucker’s claims for lack of personal jurisdiction under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(2). The court declined jurisdictional discovery, concluding that plaintiff had not made a prima facie showing of jurisdiction or identified disputed jurisdictional facts.

OPINION

Tucker

PER CURIAM.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS

VANESSA TUCKER, individually and on behalf) of those similarly situated,)) Plaintiff,)

) CIVIL ACTION

v.)) No. 25-2569-KHV HARCROS CHEMICALS INC, et al.,)) Defendants.)

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MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on Defendant Koninklijke Philips N.V.’s Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction (12(b)(2)), Failure to State a Claim (12(b)(6)), and Repose Bar (K.S.A. § 60-513(b)) (Doc. #34) filed January 9, 2026. Defendant argues that it is not subject to personal jurisdiction in Kansas and makes an alternative argument that under Rule 12(b)(6), the complaint does not allege facts that would justify piercing the corporate veil or imposing vicarious liability, and the Kansas statute of repose requires dismissal of plaintiff’s complaint. When defendants seek dismissal under 12(b)(2) and 12(b)(6) in the alternative, the Court must first decide the jurisdictional challenge because the latter challenge would be moot if the Court lacks jurisdiction. See *Creamer v. Gildemeister*, No. 15-4871-KHV, 2015 WL 6828186, at

*2 (D. Kan. Nov. 6, 2015). Defendant argues that it is not subject to general or specific jurisdiction

in Kansas and that the complaint fails to allege continuous or systematic or even minimum contacts such that the exercise of personal jurisdiction would not offend traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice. In response, plaintiff does not claim that the complaint currently alleges facts which would justify the exercise of personal jurisdiction over defendant. plaintiff contends that jurisdictional discovery is required to “resolve the disputed facts” regarding

Koninklijke's degree of control over Philips North America. Plaintiff has not identified a single jurisdictional fact which is disputed, however, or explained what discovery is necessary, given the Court's independent conclusion that plaintiff's claims against Philips North America itself must be dismissed. The Court declines to subject defendant to jurisdictional discovery which, clearly, is nothing but a fishing expedition. On this record, defendant is not subject to personal jurisdiction in this Court and plaintiff's complaint must be dismissed under Rule 12(b)(2). In this regard, the Court substantially agrees with the authorities and arguments set forth on pages 1 through 12 of the Memorandum in Support of Defendant Koninklijke Philips N.V.'s Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction (12(b)(2)), Failure to State a Claim (12(b)(6)), and Repose Bar (K.S.A. § 60-513(b)) (Doc. #35) filed January 9, 2026, and pages 1 through 5 of the Reply in Support of Defendants' Motions to Dismiss (Doc. #45) which Koninklijke filed March 5, 2026. Because plaintiff fails to make a prima facie showing of jurisdiction and identifies no factual issues, defendant's motion must be granted under Rule 12(b)(2) for lack of personal jurisdiction. *Eighteen Seventy, LP v. Jayson*, 32 F.4th 956, 964 (10th Cir. 2022) (citing *OMI Holdings, Inc. v. Royal Ins. Co. of Can.*, 149 F.3d 1086, 1091 (10th Cir. 1998)). The law is well settled, and due to the press of other court business, the Court renders this truncated ruling to advance the just, speedy and inexpensive determination of this action under Rule 1, Fed. R. Civ. P. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Defendant Koninklijke Philips N.V.'s Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction (12(b)(2)), Failure to State a Claim (12(b)(6)), and Repose Bar (K.S.A. § 60-513(b)) (Doc. #34) filed January 9, 2026 is SUSTAINED. Dated this 9th day of April, 2026 at Kansas City, Kansas. s/

Kathryn H. Vratil

KATHRYN H. VRATIL

United States District Judge