

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
FLORIDA

Hong Kong Leyuzhen Technology Co. Limited v. The Individuals,
Corporations, Limited Liability Companies, Partnerships and
Unincorporated Associations Identified in Schedule A

Hong Kong Leyuzhen Technology · No. 1:25-cv-21899-GAYLES · Decided April 21, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida grants in part and denies in part Plaintiff Hong Kong Leyuzhen Technology Co. Limited’s motion to dismiss counterclaims. The Court dismisses the defendants’ declaratory judgment counterclaim as redundant of the underlying copyright infringement claim and related affirmative defense, but allows the tortious interference counterclaim to proceed beyond the pleading stage.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida
DECIDED	April 21, 2026
DOCKET	1:25-cv-21899-GAYLES
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff moved under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6) to dismiss counterclaims for declaratory judgment and tortious interference with business relationships.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court considered whether the counterclaims stated claims under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6).
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished district court order

TOPICS

- motions to dismiss
- copyright infringement
- civil procedure
- intentional interference with expectancy
- commercial litigation

PRACTICE AREAS

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the declaratory-judgment counterclaim should be dismissed as redundant because resolution of Plaintiff's copyright infringement claim and Defendants' affirmative defenses would resolve the same issues.
2. Whether Defendants adequately alleged a claim for tortious interference with business relationships at the pleading stage.

HOLDINGS

1. A declaratory-judgment counterclaim may be dismissed as redundant when resolution of the plaintiff's claims and the defendant's affirmative defenses would resolve all questions raised by the counterclaim and the counterclaim therefore serves no useful purpose.
2. The tortious-interference counterclaim adequately alleged a claim and was not dismissed at the pleading stage.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"Here, the Court finds that Defendants' declaratory judgment counterclaim is redundant and serves no useful purpose."

"The issues raised by Plaintiff for this claim are best addressed at summary judgment, after discovery."

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff Hong Kong Leyuzhen Technology Co. Limited brought a copyright infringement action concerning images. Defendants asserted a counterclaim seeking a declaration that Plaintiff lacked valid copyrights or ownership and asserted a corresponding affirmative defense. Defendants also asserted a counterclaim for tortious interference with business relationships.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

In an underlying copyright infringement action, Defendants LaiyiVic, ZonJie, and PaladMom asserted counterclaims against Plaintiff. Plaintiff moved to dismiss both counterclaims. The court granted the motion as to the declaratory-judgment counterclaim and denied it as to the tortious-interference counterclaim.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Ctr. Hill Courts Condo. Ass'n, Inc. v. Rockhill Ins. Co., No. 19-cv-80111, 2019 WL 7899220, at *2 (S.D. Fla. Apr. 9, 2019)

- Medmarc Cas. Ins. Co. v. Pineiro & Byrd, PLLC, 783 F. Supp. 2d 1214, 1217 (S.D. Fla. 2011)
- U.S. ex rel. BAC Funding Consortium, Inc. v. Westchester Fire Ins. Co., No. 13-cv-22536, 2014 WL 186125, at *5 (S.D. Fla. Jan. 16, 2014)
- It's a 10, Inc. v. Beauty Elite Grp., Inc., No. 13-cv-60154, 2013 WL 4543796, at *5 (S.D. Fla. Aug. 27, 2013)

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