

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MAINE

Marcy Kamin v. SN Servicing Corporation

No. 2:25-cv-00499-SDN (D. Me. Jan. 21, 2026) · No. 2:25-cv-00499-SDN · Decided January 21, 2026

SUMMARY

This is a federal court order granting a plaintiff's motion to remand a putative class action lawsuit to state court. The court found that the defendant, SN Servicing Corporation, failed to meet its burden of proving the amount in controversy exceeded the \$75,000 diversity jurisdiction threshold, as it improperly attempted to aggregate statutory damages from the entire class to meet the requirement for the named plaintiff alone.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of Maine
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Stacey D. Neumann
JURISDICTION	U.S. District Court for the District of Maine
DECIDED	January 21, 2026
DOCKET	2:25-cv-00499-SDN
DISPOSITION	remanded
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff moved to remand a putative class action that Defendant removed from Maine state court on the basis of diversity jurisdiction.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	On a motion to remand, the removing defendant bears the burden of establishing federal subject-matter jurisdiction, including the amount in controversy, by a preponderance of the evidence. Ambiguities concerning federal jurisdiction are resolved in favor of remand.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential
PARTIES	SN Servicing Corporation v. Marcy Kamin

TOPICS

- subject matter jurisdiction
- class actions
- civil procedure
- consumer protection

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- removal and remand
- subject-matter jurisdiction
- class actions
- consumer protection

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the federal court had diversity subject-matter jurisdiction over the removed putative class action.
2. Whether SN Servicing established by a preponderance of the evidence that the amount in controversy attributable to the named plaintiff exceeded \$75,000.
3. Whether statutory class-member damages under 32 M.R.S. § 11054(1)(C) could be attributed to the named plaintiff for purposes of satisfying the amount-in-controversy requirement.

HOLDINGS

1. Complete diversity existed because SN Servicing was an Alaskan corporation with its principal place of business in Louisiana, while Kamin was a citizen of Maine.
2. The removing defendant did not establish by a preponderance of the evidence that the amount in controversy exceeded \$75,000.
3. Because SN Servicing failed to establish the amount-in-controversy requirement, the court lacked subject-matter jurisdiction and was required to remand the case to state court.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Federal courts have limited jurisdiction and ordinarily may only hear cases involving a federal question or diversity of citizenship.” (Discussion)

“On the record before me, SN Servicing has not met its burden to show the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.” (Discussion)

“When the existence of jurisdiction is ambiguous, the limited nature of federal jurisdiction calls upon me to resolve the ambiguity in favor of remand.” (Discussion)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Kamin alleged that, after her 2015 bankruptcy discharge of mortgage debt, SN Servicing pursued improper deficiency judgments, charged post-foreclosure late fees, and issued false statements to discharged borrowers. She brought the claims on behalf of a putative class under the Maine Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and Maine's mortgage-servicer duty of good faith statute. The complaint sought actual and statutory damages and attorney's fees.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Kamin filed suit in Cumberland County Superior Court alleging violations of the Maine Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and breach of Maine's mortgage-servicer duty of good faith. SN Servicing timely removed the case to the District of Maine, asserting complete diversity and an amount in controversy exceeding \$75,000. The federal court granted Kamin's motion to remand because SN Servicing failed to establish by a preponderance of the evidence that the amount in controversy satisfied the jurisdictional threshold.

DISPOSITION

remanded

REMAND INSTRUCTIONS

The case was remanded to the state court from which it was removed, Cumberland County Superior Court.

CASES CITED

- Kokkonen v. Guardian Life Ins. Co. of Am., 511 U.S. 375, 377 (1994)
- Finley v. George Weston Bakeries Distrib., Inc., 473 F. Supp. 2d 105, 106 (D. Me. 2007)
- Violette v. Interbake Foods, LLC, No. 1:22-CV-00052, 2022 WL 1590772, at *2 (D. Me. May 19, 2022)
- Doughty v. Hyster New England, Inc., 344 F. Supp. 2d 217, 219 (D. Me. 2004)
- Snyder v. Harris, 394 U.S. 332, 336 (1969)
- Spielman v. Genzyme Corp., 251 F.3d 1, 7 (1st Cir. 2001)
- Sabina v. JP Morgan Chase Bank NA, No. 2:14-CV-160, 2014 WL 5489447, at *4 (D. Me. Oct. 29, 2014)

OPINION

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MAINE MARCY KAMIN,)) Plaintiff,))
v.)) 2:25-cv-00499-SDN SN SERVICING CORPORATION,)) Defendant.) ORDER ON
MOTION TO REMAND Before me is Plaintiff Marcy Kamin’s Motion to Remand this case to
state court. ECF No. 9.

For the reasons stated below, the motion is GRANTED. I. Factual Background¹ and Procedural Posture In August 2025, Ms. Kamin sued Defendant SN Servicing Corporation (“SN Servicing”) in Cumberland County Superior Court. See ECF Nos. 1 at 2, 1-1. Ms. Kamin, on behalf of a putative class of similarly situated borrowers, alleges SN Servicing violated the Maine Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 32 M.R.S. § 11001 et seq., and breached Maine’s mortgage servicer duty of good faith, 14 M.R.S. § 6113.2 See ECF No. 1-1.

These allegations stem from Ms. Kamin’s 2015 bankruptcy discharge of her mortgage debt and SN Servicing’s purported subsequent systematic practice of pursuing improper deficiency judgments, charging post-foreclosure late fees, and issuing false statements to discharged borrowers. See *id.* at 7–15. ¹ These facts are drawn from the Complaint, ECF No. 1-1, and the parties’ filings at ECF Nos. 1, 9, 12, 13.

² While the Complaint and subsequent filings refer to Maine’s mortgage servicer duty of good faith statute as “9-A M.R.S. § 6113,” the provision at issue is “14 M.R.S. § 6113.” See 14 M.R.S. § 6113. In September 2025, SN Servicing timely removed the case to this Court based on diversity jurisdiction, contending complete diversity of citizenship exists between the parties and the amount in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000.

See ECF No. 1 at 3; see also 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a). In October 2025, Ms. Kamin filed a motion to remand, arguing this Court lacks subject matter jurisdiction because the amount in controversy does not exceed the jurisdictional minimum and SN Servicing, by omitting its principal place of business from its Notice of Removal, insufficiently pleaded corporate citizenship for diversity purposes.

See ECF No. 9 at 2–3. II. Discussion On a motion to remand, courts consider whether removal was appropriate. Removal is appropriate only where the case originally could have been brought in federal court. See 28 U.S.C. §§ 1441, 1446. Federal courts have limited jurisdiction and ordinarily may only hear cases involving a federal question or diversity of citizenship.

See *id.* §§ 1331, 1332; *Kokkonen v. Guardian Life Ins. Co. of Am.*, 511 U.S. 375, 377 (1994) (federal courts “possess only that power authorized by Constitution and statute”). Here, SN Servicing premises removal on diversity jurisdiction, which requires the parties be “citizens of different states” and the amount in controversy to exceed \$75,000. 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a).

A corporation is deemed a citizen of: (1) every state in which it is incorporated; and (2) the state where it has its principal place of business. *Id.* § 1332(c). In its response to Ms. Kamin’s Motion to Remand, SN Servicing identified its principal place of business as Louisiana, thereby adequately alleging corporate citizenship. See ECF No. 12 at 3.

Because SN Servicing is an Alaskan corporation with a principal place of business in Louisiana and Ms. Kamin is a citizen of Maine, the parties are “citizens of different states.” See *id.*; 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a), (c). Therefore, subject matter jurisdiction hinges on whether the amount in controversy is satisfied.

As the removing party, the burden is on SN Servicing to “establish the requisite amount in controversy by a preponderance of the evidence.” *Finley v. George Weston Bakeries Distrib., Inc.*, 473 F. Supp. 2d 105, 106 (D. Me. 2007) (collecting cases applying the preponderance standard); see *Violette v. Interbake Foods, LLC*, No. 1:22-CV-00052, 2022 WL 1590772, at *2 (D.

Me. May 19, 2022) (“[D]istrict courts in this circuit... ‘require[] the defendant to show by a preponderance of the evidence’ that the amount in controversy exceeds the jurisdictional requirement.”) (quoting *Doughty v. Hyster New England, Inc.*, 344 F. Supp. 2d 217, 219 (D. Me. 2004)).

Because this is a putative class action, the amount in controversy for jurisdictional purposes must be established by a single plaintiff and cannot be aggregated across the class. See *Snyder v. Harris*, 394 U.S. 332, 336 (1969). Further, “when a statute mandates or allows payment of [attorney’s] fees,” such fees may be included as part of the amount-in-controversy determination but are calculated only in regard to the named plaintiff’s fees and may not be aggregated across class members.

Spielman v. Genzyme Corp., 251 F.3d 1, 7 (1st Cir. 2001). Here, Ms. Kamin seeks actual and statutory damages and attorney's fees under both 32 M.R.S. § 11054 and 14 M.R.S. § 6113. See ECF No. 1-1 at 16–17. Each statute allows for actual damages for emotional distress, out-of-pocket expenses, informational injury, time lost, and opportunity costs. See 32 M.R.S. § 11054(1)(A); 14 M.R.S. § 6113(4)(A).

Similarly, both statutes specifically provide for attorney's fees. See 32 M.R.S. § 11054(1)(D); 14 M.R.S. § 6113(4)(C). Turning first to statutory damages under 32 M.R.S. § 11054, the Maine Fair Debt Collection Practices act permits, in the case of a class action, “[s]uch amount for each named plaintiff as may be recovered” for actual damages and “[s]uch amount as the court may allow for all other class members, without regard to a minimum individual recovery, not to exceed the lesser of \$500,000 and 1% of the net worth of the debt collector.” 32 M.R.S. § 11054(1)(C).

Shifting to statutory damages under 14 M.R.S. § 6113, recovery is permitted for up to “\$15,000 for a pattern or practice of the mortgage servicer’s violating the duty of good faith.” 14 M.R.S. § 6113(4)(B). Based on this requested relief, Ms. Kamin, the named plaintiff, contends the amount in controversy does not exceed \$75,000. ECF No. 9 at 2. She correctly notes the Court assesses the amount in controversy based on her individual claims for damages and argues SN Servicing has failed to demonstrate how her relatively modest statutory claims satisfy the jurisdictional threshold.

Id. SN Servicing responds that the amount in controversy is met because Ms. Kamin “is seeking statutory damages under 32 M.R.S.A. § 11054 of the lesser of \$500,000 or 1% of the [company’s] value,” which it asserts exceeds \$75,000. ECF Nos. 12 at 4, 12-1 at 1. This argument is incorrect. SN Servicing seemingly rests removal solely on the statutory damages available in class actions under 32 M.R.S. § 11054, improperly attributing to the named plaintiff damages that are available only to the other class members.

Under the statute, the amount equal to the “lesser of \$500,000 and 1% of the net worth of the debt buyer” is recoverable by “all other class members,” while the named plaintiff is entitled only to actual damages. 32 M.R.S. § 11054(1)(C) (emphasis added). SN Servicing does not address the amount of actual damages or attorney’s fees Ms. Kamin seeks. Ms. Kamin’s pleadings assert only that the “modest” amounts recoverable under each statute do not permit an amount-in-controversy determination exceeding the \$75,000 jurisdictional threshold.

See ECF No. 9 at 2, 13 at 1. On the record before me, SN Servicing has not met its burden to show the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000. See *Sabina v. JP Morgan Chase Bank NA*, No. 2:14-CV-160, 2014 WL 5489447, at *4 (D. Me. Oct. 29, 2014) (analyzing the amount in controversy in a class action context and explaining the “controlling question... is whether such a result is reasonably probable, not merely possible” (quotation modified)).

Because SN Servicing failed to meet its burden of establishing the amount in controversy exceeds the jurisdictional threshold of \$75,000, this Court lacks subject matter jurisdiction over the case and must remand. See *id.* (“When the existence of jurisdiction is ambiguous, the limited nature of federal jurisdiction calls upon me to resolve the ambiguity in favor of remand.”).

III. Conclusion For the foregoing reasons, Ms. Kamin’s Motion to Remand, ECF No. 9, is GRANTED. Accordingly, this case is hereby REMANDED to the state court from which it was removed. SO ORDERED. Dated this 21st day of January, 2026. /s/ Stacey D. Neumann UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE