

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF
LOUISIANA, SHREVEPORT DIVISION

Hunter Boulware v. Walmart Inc. et al.

No. 25-cv-2007, United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, Shreveport Division (January 7, 2026)

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana found that Plaintiff Hunter Boulware’s employment-discrimination complaint was excessively lengthy and convoluted and therefore failed to comply with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8. The court permitted Plaintiff to seek leave to file a restated and amended complaint subject to specified page, formatting, and exhibit limitations.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, Shreveport Division
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, Shreveport Division
DECIDED	January 7, 2026
DOCKET	25-cv-2007
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The court reviewed Plaintiff's initial employment-discrimination complaint and ordered him to seek leave to file a compliant amended complaint because the pleading was excessively lengthy and convoluted.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown; memorandum order from a federal district court with no reported citation.
PARTIES	Hunter Boulware v. Walmart Inc., Wal-mart Louisiana, LLC

TOPICS

- pleadings
- motion to amend
- employment discrimination
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- employment law

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Plaintiff's 67-page, 433-paragraph complaint complied with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8(a) and Rule 8(d)(1).
2. Whether Plaintiff should be permitted to file a restated and amended complaint subject to page, formatting, and exhibit limitations.

HOLDINGS

1. The complaint was too lengthy and convoluted to comply with Rule 8(a) and Rule 8(d)(1).
2. Plaintiff was given an opportunity to propose an amended complaint that complies with the Federal Rules, subject to a 25-page limit for the complaint and a 25-page limit for proposed exhibits.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Rule 8(a) requires that a complaint include a “short and plain statement of the claims showing that the pleader is entitled to relief.””

“Rule 8(d)(1) adds that each averment of a pleading “shall be simple, concise, and direct.””

“Plaintiffs complaint is far too lengthy and convoluted to comply with Rule 8.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Hunter Boulware brought an employment-discrimination action against Walmart, Inc. and Wal-mart Louisiana, LLC. His initial complaint was 67 pages long, single-spaced, and contained 433 separate paragraphs, along with 41 pages of exhibits and a manual attachment. The court found the pleading too lengthy and convoluted to satisfy the Federal Rules' requirements that allegations be short, plain, simple, concise, and direct.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff filed a 67-page, single-spaced complaint containing 433 paragraphs, 41 pages of exhibits, and a manual attachment. The court determined that the pleading did not comply with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8 and granted Plaintiff an opportunity to file a motion for leave to amend by January 26, 2026, subject to specified page and formatting limits.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Ashcroft v. Iqbal, 129 S. Ct. 1937, 1949 (2009)
- Bell Atl. Corp. v. Twombly, 127 S. Ct. 1955, 1965 (2007)
- Flayter v. Wisconsin Department of Corrections, 16 Fed. Appx. 507 (7th Cir. 2001)
- Toth v. Wills Fargo Bank, 2013 WL 4805027 (E.D. Mich. 2013)
- Shabazz v. Xerox, 2014 WL 4181600 (S.D. Ohio 2014)

- Trump v. New York Times Co., 2025 WL 2680597 (M.D. Fla. 2025)

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