

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

Ryan Young v. Shriners Hospitals for Children

Young · No. 3:25-cv-00248-SB · Decided January 27, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of Oregon denied as moot Sky Lakes Medical Center’s motion to quash a subpoena after the plaintiff withdrew the subpoena and the underlying case was voluntarily dismissed. The court ordered the plaintiff’s counsel to reimburse Sky Lakes for reasonable attorney’s fees incurred because counsel failed to timely confer regarding objections to the subpoena, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 45(d)(1).

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of Oregon
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Stacie F. Beckerman
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the District of Oregon
DECIDED	January 27, 2026
DOCKET	3:25-cv-00248-SB
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Non-party Sky Lakes Medical Center moved to quash a subpoena served by Plaintiff Ryan Young in an employment discrimination action. Young withdrew the subpoena, and the parties later filed a stipulated notice of voluntary dismissal. The court denied the motion to quash as moot but awarded Sky Lakes reasonable attorney's fees under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 45(d)(1).
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished district court opinion; limited persuasive value

TOPICS

- discovery dispute
- sanctions
- attorney fees
- civil procedure
- employment discrimination

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- employment law
- employment discrimination
- civil rights

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Young's withdrawal of the subpoena and the parties' stipulated dismissal rendered Sky Lakes' motion to quash moot.
2. Whether Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 45(d)(1) authorized an award of reasonable attorney's fees against Young's counsel for failing to take reasonable steps to avoid imposing undue burden or expense on Sky Lakes through timely conferral.

HOLDINGS

1. Young's withdrawal of the subpoena and the parties' stipulated dismissal rendered Sky Lakes' motion to quash moot, so the court denied the motion as moot.
2. The court ordered Young's counsel to reimburse Sky Lakes for reasonable attorney's fees incurred because counsel failed to confer timely regarding objections to the subpoena and thereby caused Sky Lakes to incur avoidable expense.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"A party or attorney responsible for issuing and serving a subpoena must take reasonable steps to avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to the subpoena." (at 4)

"For the reasons stated, the Court DENIES AS MOOT Sky Lakes' motion to quash (ECF No. 16), but awards Sky Lakes its reasonable attorney's fees as discussed above" (at 5)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Young brought an employment discrimination action against Shriners, alleging that Shriners discriminated against him based on religion when it terminated him for failing to comply with a COVID-19 vaccine policy. He served Sky Lakes with a subpoena seeking eleven categories of documents about Sky Lakes' vaccination policies to support an anticipated expert opinion concerning whether other hospitals permitted unvaccinated healthcare providers to continue working with patients. Sky Lakes attempted to confer about its objections, but Young's counsel did not respond until the eve of the motion-to-quash deadline; after the parties conferred, Young withdrew the subpoena. Sky Lakes had already incurred expenses attempting to confer and preparing its motion to quash.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Young sued Shriners Hospitals for Children, alleging religious discrimination arising from his termination for failing to comply with Shriners' COVID-19 vaccination policy. Young subpoenaed non-party Sky Lakes Medical Center for documents concerning its COVID-19 vaccination policies. After Sky Lakes attempted to confer regarding its objections and Young withdrew the subpoena, Sky Lakes sought a ruling and attorney's fees. Following the parties' stipulated voluntary dismissal, the court denied the motion to quash as moot but ordered Young's counsel to reimburse Sky Lakes for reasonable fees attributable to the failure to confer timely.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Pickens v. PeaceHealth, No. 6:23-cv-01718-MTK, 2025 WL 3688112, at *8 (D. Or. Dec. 19, 2025)
- Prakash v. Or. Health & Sci. Univ., No. 3:23-cv-01653-IM (D. Or. Apr. 30, 2024), ECF No. 20
- Burns v. Asante Rouge Reg'l Med. Ctr., LLC, 2025 WL 965788, at *1 (D. Or. Mar. 31, 2025)
- Riser v. St. Charles Health Sys., Inc., 2025 WL 746011, at *4 (D. Or. Mar. 7, 2025)
- Zavyalov v. Legacy Health, No. 3:25-cv-00198-AB (D. Or. Apr. 30, 2025), ECF No. 14
- Jarrell v. AllCare Health, Inc., No. 1:23-cv-01719-MC (D. Or.)
- Denton v. Shriners, No. 3:23-cv-00826-JR (D. Or.)

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