

CONNECTICUT APPELLATE COURT

Akinyele v. Huntington Condominium Assn., Inc.

Akinyele · No. AC 47624 · Decided May 5, 2026

SUMMARY

The Connecticut Appellate Court held that the plaintiff’s claims for breach of contract, breach of the implied duty of good faith and fair dealing, and negligence were not barred by res judicata. Applying Coach Run Condominium, Inc. v. Furniss, the court concluded that the plaintiff could not have brought those claims in the prior condominium lien foreclosure action and therefore lacked a full opportunity to litigate them. The court reversed the trial court’s dismissal and remanded for further proceedings.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Connecticut Appellate Court
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Moll, J.; Clark, J.; Wilson, J.
JURISDICTION	Connecticut Appellate Court
DECIDED	May 5, 2026
DOCKET	AC 47624
DISPOSITION	reversed_and_remanded
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The plaintiff appealed from the Superior Court's judgment dismissing his claims against the condominium association on the ground of res judicata.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Whether res judicata applies presents a question of law reviewed plenary.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published Connecticut Appellate Court opinion
PARTIES	Akintayo Akinyele v. Huntington Condominium Association, Inc., also known as Huntington Condominium Association-Bridgeport, Inc.

TOPICS

- res judicata
- foreclosure
- motions to dismiss
- summary judgment
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- real estate
- contracts
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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the plaintiff's claims for breach of contract, breach of the implied duty of good faith and fair dealing, and negligence were barred by res judicata because they could have been raised in the prior condominium-lien foreclosure action.
2. Whether the plaintiff had an opportunity to fully litigate those claims in the prior foreclosure action.

HOLDINGS

1. The plaintiff's claims were not barred by res judicata because he was unable, as a matter of law, to bring those claims against the condominium association in the prior foreclosure action.
2. The trial court improperly granted the defendant's motion to dismiss and/or motion for summary judgment and dismissed the plaintiff's claims on the basis of res judicata.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Applying the rationale of Coach Run to the present action, we conclude that the plaintiff was unable, as a matter of law, to bring his claims for breach of contract, breach of the implied duty of good faith and fair dealing, and negligence against the defendant in the foreclosure action.” (opinion text following discussion of Coach Run)

“Thus, the plaintiff did not have an opportunity to litigate fully his present claims against the defendant in the foreclosure action, and, therefore, the court improperly concluded that the plaintiff's claims were barred by res judicata.” (opinion conclusion)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Akintayo Akinyele owned a condominium unit at the defendant association's complex in Bridgeport. The association commenced a foreclosure action to enforce its statutory lien for unpaid common charges, late fees, attorney's fees, and costs. Akinyele attempted to assert related claims through amended pleadings and sought consolidation, but those efforts were unsuccessful. He subsequently brought separate claims alleging breach of contract, breach of the implied duty of good faith and fair dealing, and negligence.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The plaintiff owned a condominium unit and was sued by the association in a separate foreclosure action involving unpaid common charges and related amounts. During that action, the plaintiff unsuccessfully sought leave to amend his special defense and assert a counterclaim, and the court denied motions to consolidate the foreclosure action with this action. The plaintiff then brought this action asserting breach of contract, breach of the implied duty of good faith and fair dealing, and negligence. The trial court granted the association's motion to dismiss and/or motion for summary judgment on res judicata grounds. The Appellate Court reversed and remanded.

DISPOSITION

reversed_and_remanded

REMAND INSTRUCTIONS

The case was remanded for further proceedings consistent with the opinion.

CASES CITED

- Speer v. Brown Jacobson P.C., 222 Conn. App. 638, 648-50, 306 A.3d 1105 (2023)
- Wells Fargo Bank, National Assn. v. Doreus, 218 Conn. App. 77, 83-84, 290 A.3d 921, cert. denied, 347 Conn. 904, 297 A.3d 198 (2023)
- Nicotra Wieler Investment Management, Inc. v. Grower, 207 Conn. 441, 447, 541 A.2d 1226 (1988)
- Neighborhood Assn., Inc. v. Limberger, 321 Conn. 29, 36, 136 A.3d 581 (2016)
- Hudson House Condominium Assn., Inc. v. Brooks, 223 Conn. 610, 614, 611 A.2d 862 (1992)
- Stonybrook Gardens Cooperative, Inc. v. Newrez, LLC, 225 Conn. App. 1, 11-13, 315 A.3d 337 (2024)
- Coach Run Condominium, Inc. v. Furniss, 136 Conn. App. 698, 701, 705 & n.7, 47 A.3d 413 (2012)
- Congress Street Condominium Assn., Inc. v. Anderson, 132 Conn. App. 536, 541-44 & n.9, 33 A.3d 274 (2011)
- Torrington Tax Collector, LLC v. Riley, 354 Conn. 66, 89 n.20, 349 A.3d 551 (2026)
- M&T Bank v. Lewis, 349 Conn. 9, 19 n.6, 312 A.3d 1040 (2024)
- Bank of New York Mellon v. Tope, 345 Conn. 662, 677 n.6, 286 A.3d 891 (2022)
- Labbe v. Pension Commission, 229 Conn. 801, 816, 643 A.2d 1268 (1994)

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