

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF  
MASSACHUSETTS

Johnson v. Abadi, et al.

Johnson v. Abadi · No. 25-13481-ADB · Decided April 1, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts dismisses a pro se action brought by Olivia Johnson against Gina Abadi and Hong Yi Zeng. The court concludes that the complaint fails to establish Article III standing because it does not identify conduct by the defendants that personally injured the plaintiff.

CASE DETAILS

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| COURT                 | United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| WRITING FOR THE COURT | Allison D. Burroughs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| JURISDICTION          | United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| DECIDED               | April 1, 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| DOCKET                | 25-13481-ADB                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| DISPOSITION           | dismissed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| PROCEDURAL POSTURE    | A pro se plaintiff filed a one-page civil complaint and a motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis. The district court dismissed the action for lack of Article III standing.                                                                                                  |
| STANDARD OF REVIEW    | The court applied the Article III standing requirement and dismissed for lack of subject matter jurisdiction because the complaint failed to allege a concrete, particularized, and actual or imminent injury fairly traceable to defendants and redressable by a favorable ruling. |
| PRECEDENTIAL VALUE    | unpublished district court order                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| PARTIES               | Olivia Johnson v. Gina Abadi, Hong Yi Zeng                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

TOPICS

- standing
- subject matter jurisdiction
- civil procedure
- due process

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- constitutional law
- civil rights

**QUESTIONS PRESENTED**

1. Whether the complaint alleged facts establishing Article III standing.
2. Whether the action should be dismissed for lack of a case or controversy and subject matter jurisdiction.

**HOLDINGS**

1. The complaint failed to establish Article III standing because Johnson did not identify conduct by the defendants that caused her a concrete, particularized, and actual or imminent injury.
2. Because Johnson did not allege standing, no case or controversy existed over which the district court could exercise jurisdiction, and the action was dismissed.

**KEY QUOTATIONS**

*“For a case or controversy to exist, the plaintiff must have standing, or, in other words, the plaintiff “must present an injury that is concrete, particularized, and actual or imminent; fairly traceable to the defendant’s challenged action; and redressable by a favorable ruling.””*

**FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

Johnson filed a one-page complaint naming Gina Abadi and Hong Yi Zeng as defendants. The complaint alleged only that defendants conspired together in violation of due process rights, sought damages, and included jurisdictional and Rule 11 certifications; it did not identify any conduct that personally injured Johnson.

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

Johnson filed the action on November 20, 2025, alleging that defendants conspired to violate her due process rights and requesting damages. The district court determined that the complaint did not identify conduct by defendants that personally injured Johnson and dismissed the action for lack of a justiciable case or controversy.

**DISPOSITION**

dismissed

**CASES CITED**

- Horne v. Flores, 557 U.S. 433, 445 (2009)

**OPINION**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS OLIVIA JOHNSON,  
\* \* Plaintiff, \* \* v. \* Civil Action No. 25-13481-ADB \* GINA ABADI, et al., \* \* Defendants. \* \*  
\* ORDER BURROUGHS, D.J. On November 20, 2025, a pro se litigant proceeding under the  
name “Olivia Johnson” filed a one-page civil complaint and a motion for leave to proceed in  
forma pauperis.

The complaint names “Gina Abadi” and “Hong Yi Zeng” as defendants. The body of the complaint consists of a single factual allegation (“Defendants conspired together in violation of due process rights,” a demand for damages, a jurisdictional allegation, and a certification under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. [ECF No. 1 at 1]. Article III of the Constitution limits the jurisdiction of the federal courts to “Cases” or “Controversies,” U.S. Const. art. III, § 2.

For a case or controversy to exist, the plaintiff must have standing, or, in other words, the plaintiff “must present an injury that is concrete, particularized, and actual or imminent; fairly traceable to the defendant’s challenged action; and redressable by a favorable ruling.” *Horne v. Flores*, 557 U.S. 433, 445 (2009).

Here, Johnson does not set forth a claim for which she has standing. While Johnson alleges that the defendants violated “due process rights” and seeks damages, she does not identify any conduct by the defendants that injured her personally.

In the absence of a case or controversy over which the Court could exercise jurisdiction, the Court DISMISSES this action.<sup>1</sup> IT IS SO ORDERED. April 1, 2026 /s/ Allison D. Burroughs ALLISON D. BURROUGHS U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE 1 The Court notes that, according to information available on the Federal Courts’ PACER (Public Access to Court Electronic Records) platform, in November 2025, and plaintiff named Olivia Johnson filed a case titled “Johnson v. Abadi” in twenty-one different federal district courts.