

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
MISSISSIPPI, EASTERN DIVISION**

University Mall, LLC v. Okorie

University Mall v. Okorie · No. 2:24-cv-91-TBM-MTP · Decided May 27, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi ruled on University Mall, LLC’s motion for attorney fees and Dr. Ikechukwu Okorie’s motion for leave to seek limited fee discovery. The court denied the attorney-fee motion without prejudice to refiling and denied the motion for limited fee discovery.

OPINION

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI EASTERN DIVISION UNIVERSITY MALL, LLC PLAINTIFF v. CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:24-cv-91-TBM-MTP IKECHUKWU OKORIE; ROYAL OAKS RENTAL PROPERTIES, LLC; INLAND FAMILY PRACTICE, LLC DEFENDANTS ORDER This matter came before the Court on University Mall, LLC’s Motion for Attorney Fees [294] and Dr. Okorie’s Motion for Leave to Seek Narrow Limited Fee Discovery [301].

At the hearing conducted on May 27, 2026, the Court considered the pleadings, the record, the oral arguments of the parties, and the relevant legal authority. Then, the Court announced on the record its detailed findings and conclusions.¹ To be clear, all legal analysis and authority was announced from the bench and is contained in the hearing transcript.

For all of the reasons contained in the hearing transcript: 1 As previously described by this Court, and others, Dr. Okorie is a litigious pro se plaintiff. In the last several years, Dr. Okorie has filed more than thirty civil actions in the Southern District of Mississippi alone.

The undersigned has presided over fifteen separate cases with Dr. Okorie—the vast majority of which involve the 3700 Hardy Street property; as do the other cases filed in this District involving Dr. Okorie. A Westlaw search also shows that dozens of opinions from various judges have addressed deficiencies in the claims or defenses raised by Dr. Okorie. Indeed, the undersigned has authored many of those.

As a result, it is unnecessary for this Court to provide an additional written opinion on this matter. A ruling from the bench more than suffices. To further illustrate Dr. Okorie’s litigious nature, he has filed more than twenty separate appeals to the Fifth Circuit, and even a few appeals to the United States Supreme Court.

In addition to filing actions in the Eastern District of Texas, Dr. Okorie has also filed actions in the state courts of Mississippi, Texas, Florida, New York, and New Jersey. Through these numerous actions, Dr. Okorie has incurred sanction warnings and sanctions orders. *University Mall, LLC v. Okorie*, No. 2:24-cv-91-KS, 2025 WL 2978874 (S.D. Miss. Oct. 22, 2025); see also *In re Okorie*, No. 19- 50379-KMS, 2024 WL 5688801 (Bankr.

S.D. Miss. Mar. 25, 2024), *aff'd*, No. 2:24-cv-51-KS-MTP, 2024 WL 4186937 (S.D. Miss. Sep. 9, 2024), *aff'd*, No. 24-60469, 2024 WL 4867073 (5th Cir. Nov. 22, 2024). IT IS ORDERED that *University Mall, LLC's* Motion for Attorney Fees [294] is DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE to refiling. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Okorie's Motion for Leave to Seek Narrow Limited Fee Discovery [301] is DENIED.

This, the 27th day of May, 2026. _____ TAYLOR B. McNEEL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE