

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO, EASTERN DIVISION

Joy Renee Glover v. Commissioner of Social Security

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SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio reviews Joy Renee Glover’s challenge to the Commissioner of Social Security’s denial of Disability Insurance Benefits and Supplemental Security Income. The court holds that the administrative law judge properly evaluated the medical opinions, supportability and consistency factors, and collateral evidence, and that substantial evidence supports the denial of benefits. The court affirms the Commissioner’s decision.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division
WRITING FOR THE COURT	J. Philip Calabrese
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division
DECIDED	March 27, 2026
DOCKET	4:25-cv-337
DISPOSITION	affirmed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff sought judicial review under 42 U.S.C. §§ 405(g) and 1383(c) (3) of the Commissioner's final denial of her applications for Disability Insurance Benefits and Supplemental Security Income.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Under 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), the court determines whether substantial evidence supports the ALJ's findings and reviews claimed legal errors de novo. Substantial evidence is more than a scintilla but less than a preponderance and is relevant evidence that a reasonable mind might accept as adequate to support a conclusion.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished
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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether substantial evidence supported the ALJ's evaluation of consultative examiner Kenneth Gruenfeld's medical opinion and the resulting mental residual functional capacity determination.
2. Whether the ALJ adequately articulated the persuasiveness of the medical opinions and prior administrative medical findings.
3. Whether the ALJ adequately considered the supportability and consistency factors under 20 C.F.R. §§ 404.1520c and 416.920c.
4. Whether the ALJ sufficiently identified and analyzed the collateral medical and nonmedical evidence considered inconsistent with Gruenfeld's opinion.

HOLDINGS

1. The ALJ's evaluation of Dr. Gruenfeld's opinion and mental residual functional capacity determination was supported by substantial evidence and was not erroneous.
2. The ALJ adequately articulated the persuasiveness of the medical opinions and prior administrative medical findings in the record.
3. The ALJ adequately explained consideration of the supportability and consistency factors in evaluating the medical opinions.
4. The ALJ conducted a sufficiently specific consistency analysis and identified the relevant collateral evidence.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“For the foregoing reasons, the Court AFFIRMS the Commissioner’s denial of Plaintiff’s application for disability benefits.” (Opinion and Order, Conclusion)

“If substantial evidence supports the Commissioner’s findings, then the Court accepts them as conclusive, even if it would have reached a different outcome on the same facts.” (Analysis)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Glover alleged disability based principally on bipolar disorder, depression, anxiety, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, and sleep-related complaints. The record included psychiatric treatment, counseling, psychological evaluation, sleep studies showing no clinically significant obstructive sleep apnea or hypoxia, medication treatment, and evidence that she could perform household activities, drive, shop, manage finances, and travel. The ALJ found that the clinical observations and treatment records did not support the extreme severity of symptoms described by Glover and that vocational-expert testimony identified other work available in significant numbers.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Social Security Administration denied Glover's applications initially and on reconsideration. After a December 18, 2023 administrative hearing, the administrative law judge found that she was not disabled on January 18, 2024. The Appeals Council denied review, making the ALJ's decision final, and Glover filed this action. The district court affirmed the Commissioner's denial.

DISPOSITION

affirmed

CASES CITED

- Wright v. Massanari, 321 F.3d 611, 614–15 (6th Cir. 2003)
- Rogers v. Commissioner of Social Security, 486 F.3d 234, 241 (6th Cir. 2007)

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