

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF
MISSOURI, SOUTHERN DIVISION

Jeanne L. Welch-Kurdle and Aaron Kurdle v. Doxa LLC, et al.

Welch-Kurdle · No. 6:25-cv-03108-MDH · Decided June 9, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri denied Plaintiffs’ motion to reconsider an order allowing J.B. Hunt to join co-defendants’ motions for summary judgment. The court held that J.B. Hunt properly incorporated the pending motions, was similarly situated to the other defendants, and had provided Plaintiffs a fair opportunity to respond.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, Southern Division
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Douglas Harpool
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, Southern Division
DECIDED	June 9, 2026
DOCKET	6:25-cv-03108-MDH
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiffs sought reconsideration of the Court's order permitting J.B. Hunt to join the defendants' pending motions for summary judgment.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The Court reviewed its prior case-management decision under the substantial case-management discretion afforded to district courts in permitting a party to join another party's pending motion.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown; district-court order with no stated precedential status.
PARTIES	Jeanne L. Welch-Kurdle, Aaron Kurdle v. Doxa LLC, Cody Rodgers, J.B. Hunt

TOPICS

- motion for reconsideration
- summary judgment
- joinder
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the Court should reconsider its order allowing J.B. Hunt to join the defendants' pending motions for summary judgment.
2. Whether Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(g)(1) and the Court's case-management discretion permitted J.B. Hunt to incorporate the pending summary-judgment motions in full.

HOLDINGS

1. Reconsideration was not warranted because J.B. Hunt properly incorporated the pending motions in full, the summary-judgment grounds applied equally to J.B. Hunt and Doxa as similarly situated defendants, and plaintiffs had a full and fair opportunity to respond.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Further, allowing one party to join another party's motion is a matter well within the district court's “substantial case management discretion.”” (Standard)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiffs sued Doxa LLC and others in Missouri state court, and Doxa removed the case to federal court. After J.B. Hunt was added as a defendant and served, it answered, asserted crossclaims against Doxa, and asserted affirmative defenses. J.B. Hunt then moved to join Doxa's and Cody Rodgers's pending motions for summary judgment, which the Court allowed before plaintiffs filed their opposition. Plaintiffs argued that the joinder motion failed to identify the adopted arguments, claims at issue, and party-specific record citations.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiffs filed their action in the Circuit Court of Greene County, Missouri, and Doxa removed it to the Western District of Missouri on diversity-jurisdiction grounds. After plaintiffs amended their complaint to add J.B. Hunt, Doxa and Cody Rodgers moved for summary judgment based on judicial estoppel. J.B. Hunt later moved to join those motions, the Court granted the motion to join, and plaintiffs moved for reconsideration. The Court denied reconsideration.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- United States ex rel. Ambrosecchia v. Paddock Laboratories, LLC, 855 F.3d 949, 956 (8th Cir. 2017)
- United States v. Edwards, 159 F.3d 1117, 1130 (8th Cir. 1998)

OPINION

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
SOUTHERN DIVISION JEANNE L. WELCH-KURDLE) and AARON KURDLE)) Plaintiffs,)
) Cause No. 6:25-cv-03108-MDH) v.)) DOXA LLC, et. al.)) Defendants.) ORDER Before the
Court is Plaintiffs' Motion for Reconsideration of Order Granting J.B. Hunt's Motion to Join Co-
Defendants' Motions for Summary Judgment.

(Doc. 56). For the reasons stated herein, Plaintiffs' Motion is DENIED. Plaintiffs filed their
Petition in the Circuit Court of Greene County, Missouri, on March 31, 2025. Co-Defendant Doxa,
LLC removed the matter to the Western District of Missouri on the basis of diversity jurisdiction.

After the removal, the parties exchanged Rule 26 Disclosures and began fact discovery. Plaintiffs
filed their Motion for Leave to Amend to add J.B. Hunt as a party on November 7, 2025, which
this Court granted on November 10, 2025.

On December 10, 2025, Co-Defendant Doxa LLC filed its Motion for Summary Judgment,
requesting that the Court enter summary judgment on Plaintiffs' Amended Complaint on the
grounds of judicial estoppel. Co- Defendant Cody Rodgers joined this Motion for Summary
Judgment on December 19, 2025, and the Court entered a stay of all Scheduling Order deadlines
pending its ruling on the Motion for Summary Judgment on January 5, 2026.

J.B. Hunt was served with process on January 23, 2026. J.B. Hunt filed its Answer and Affirmative
Defenses, denying responsibility for Plaintiffs' claimed damages, asserting a Crossclaim against
Co-Defendant Doxa LLC for indemnity and contribution, and asserting 25 Affirmative Defenses
which it believes apply to the allegations asserted against it in Plaintiffs' Amended Complaint.

On April 16, 2026, J.B. Hunt filed its Motion to Join Defendants' Motions for Summary Judgment.
(Doc.53). On April 21, 2026, before Plaintiffs' suggestions in opposition, and exercising its
discretion, this Court granted the Motion to Join.

On April 30, 2026, Plaintiffs filed their Motion to Reconsider, alleging that J.B. Hunt's Motion to
Join did not "identify[] which arguments [J.B. Hunt] was adopt[ing], [identify] which claims
against it [were] at issue, or provid[e] any party-specific record citations". (Doc. 56). STANDARD
Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(g)(1) permits parties to join pending motions.

Further, allowing one party to join another party's motion is a matter well within the district court's
"substantial case management discretion." See *United States ex rel. Ambrosecchia v. Paddock
Lab'ys, LLC*, 855 F.3d 949, 956 (8th Cir. 2017) (citing *United States v. Edwards*, 159 F.3d 1117,
1130 (8th Cir. 1998)). DISCUSSION The Court agrees with Defendant J.B.

Hunt that: (1) J.B. Hunt properly incorporated the pending Motions for Summary Judgment in full,
thereby placing Plaintiffs on notice of the claims, arguments, and authorities at issue; (2) the
record demonstrates that J.B. Hunt and Doxa are similarly situated such that the summary

judgment grounds asserted apply equally to the claims brought against each Defendant; and (3) Plaintiffs have already had a full and fair opportunity to respond to the arguments and authorities incorporated in J.B.

Hunt's Motion to Join. Further, granting the Motion to Join was well within this Court's case management discretion. Therefore, Plaintiffs' Motion to Reconsider is DENIED. IT IS SO ORDERED. DATED: June 9, 2026 /s/ Douglas Harpool DOUGLAS HARPOOL UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE