

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)

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