UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

In re Enovix Corporation Securities Litigation

In re Enovix · No. 23-cv-00071-SI · Decided July 8, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Northern District of California held that discovery remains open during the pendency of defendants' motion for partial judgment on the pleadings. The court concluded that the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act's automatic discovery stay does not apply because the court had sustained the legal sufficiency of portions of the operative complaint and some portion of the case would proceed regardless.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Northern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Susan Illston
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Northern District of California
DECIDED	July 8, 2025
DOCKET	23-cv-00071-SI
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The court addressed whether the PSLRA's automatic discovery stay applied while defendants' motion for partial judgment on the pleadings was pending.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unpublished district court order

TOPICS

discovery dispute · motion for judgment on the pleadings · civil procedure · commercial litigation

PRACTICE AREAS

securities litigation · civil procedure · discovery

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the PSLRA's automatic discovery stay applies while defendants' motion for partial judgment on the pleadings is pending after some claims survived motions to dismiss.

2. Whether discovery should remain open where some portion of the case will proceed regardless of the outcome of the partial motion for judgment on the pleadings.

HOLDINGS

1. The PSLRA's automatic discovery stay does not apply when at least part of the operative complaint has survived motions to dismiss and defendants' partial motion for judgment on the pleadings will not dispose of the entire case.

KEY QUOTATIONS

> *"In these circumstances, the Court agrees with plaintiffs that the PSLRA's automatic discovery stay does not apply."* (at 1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The litigation involved securities claims under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act. Following two rounds of motions to dismiss, at least some claims in the operative complaint remained legally sufficient, and defendants moved for partial judgment on the pleadings. The parties disputed whether discovery should remain stayed under the PSLRA while that motion was pending.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

After two rounds of motions to dismiss, the court had sustained the legal sufficiency of at least part of the operative complaint. Defendants then filed a motion for partial judgment on the pleadings, and the court ordered that discovery remain open during the pendency of that motion.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Powers v. Eichen, 961 F. Supp. 233, 236 (S.D. Cal. 1997)
- In re Facebook, Inc. Secs. Litig., No. 18-cv-01725-EJD, at *1-2 (N.D. Cal. Feb. 19, 2025)