

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF
WASHINGTON

Faulk v. Kooth USA, LLC and Patrick Johnston

Faulk · No. 2:24-cv-01786-RSM · Decided December 2, 2025

SUMMARY

The document is a stipulated motion requesting leave for defendants to file a consolidated, overlength dispositive motion in an employment-discrimination case. The United States District Court for the Western District of Washington granted leave for a motion of up to 11,500 words, with corresponding additional words for the plaintiff's response and a reply limited to one-half of the total.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Western District of Washington
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Ricardo S. Martinez
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Western District of Washington
DECIDED	December 2, 2025
DOCKET	2:24-cv-01786-RSM
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The parties jointly stipulated to Defendants' request for leave to file a consolidated overlength dispositive motion and corresponding response and reply briefs.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential

TOPICS

- summary judgment
- civil procedure
- employment discrimination
- retaliation
- racial discrimination

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- employment law
- civil rights

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court should grant the parties' stipulated request for Defendants to file a consolidated dispositive motion exceeding the local word limit.

2. Whether Plaintiff should receive an equal additional word allowance for the response and whether the reply should be limited to one-half of the total.

HOLDINGS

1. The court granted the parties' stipulated request for Defendants to file a single consolidated dispositive motion of no more than 11,500 words.
2. The order allowed Plaintiff an equal number of additional words for the response and limited Defendants' reply to one-half of the total.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The complaint asserts multiple race-discrimination, retaliation, and wrongful-termination claims against the defendants. Defendants planned to file a single consolidated motion for summary judgment addressing all claims and argued that the number of claims and common factual issues required briefing exceeding the standard 8,400-word limit. The parties stipulated to a limit of 11,500 words for the dispositive motion, with a corresponding additional allowance for Plaintiff's response and a reply limited to one-half of the total.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff brought claims against Kooth USA, LLC and Patrick Johnston for race discrimination, retaliation, and wrongful termination under Washington law, Title VII, and 42 U.S.C. § 1981. Defendants intended to seek summary judgment on all claims and requested permission to file a consolidated motion exceeding the local word limit. The court granted the stipulated request.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Chandola v. Seattle Housing Authority, No. 2:13-cv-557-RSM, 2014 WL 3900021 (W.D. Wash. Aug. 8, 2014)