

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

Anthony J. Stonecipher, Claudene Stonecipher, and Vanessa
Stonecipher v. City of Alamogordo, et al.

Stonecipher · No. No. 2:25-cv-01262-MIS-DLM · Decided March 19, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of New Mexico issued an omnibus order resolving motions and objections concerning page limits, a stay of proceedings, disability accommodations, representation of a minor plaintiff, judicial notice, and injunctive relief. The court extended the stay through January 29, 2027, required an amended complaint of no more than 75 double-spaced pages, deferred further consideration of disability accommodations and representation of the minor plaintiff, and denied reconsideration of injunctive-relief rulings. The order also denied without prejudice a request for judicial notice of state-court documents.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of New Mexico
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Margaret Strickland
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the District of New Mexico
DECIDED	March 19, 2026
DOCKET	No. 2:25-cv-01262-MIS-DLM
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiffs sought reconsideration of prior omnibus rulings concerning a litigation stay, page limits, disability accommodations, representation of a minor, injunctive relief, striking a summary-judgment motion, electronic filing privileges, summons issuance, and correction of the caption. The district court granted an extended stay but denied or overruled the remaining objections and motions, several without prejudice or as moot.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court applied the standards governing reconsideration, enforcement of the Federal Rules and local rules, preliminary injunctive relief, Rule 17(c) representation of minors, judicial notice, and Rule 56 motions. For reconsideration of prior interlocutory rulings, the court required plaintiffs to show legal error or a basis warranting alteration of the prior ruling; for prospective injunctive relief, plaintiffs had to make a clear and unequivocal showing of entitlement to the extraordinary remedy.

PARTIES

Anthony J. Stonecipher, Claudene Stonecipher, Vanessa Stonecipher, a minor, by and through her next friend and father, Anthony J. Stonecipher v. City of Alamogordo, et al.

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court should extend the stay of proceedings because of Anthony Stonecipher's medical condition and alleged temporary incompetence.
2. Whether plaintiffs were entitled to reconsideration of the 75-page limit for an amended complaint and the striking of oversized filings.
3. Whether the federal judiciary was subject to the ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act in the manner asserted by plaintiffs, and whether the court should impose requested disability accommodations before defendants appeared.
4. Whether Rule 17(c) required immediate appointment of a guardian ad litem or other protective order for the minor plaintiff.
5. Whether the Anti-Injunction Act or Section 1983 permitted the requested injunctions against state-court judges and attorneys.
6. Whether plaintiffs' summary-judgment motion should remain pending despite its being stricken for violating page limits and its addressing the superseded original complaint.
7. Whether the motions concerning electronic filing, summonses, judicial notice, and correction of the caption warranted relief.

HOLDINGS

1. The court granted an extended stay of all proceedings until January 29, 2027, subject to Anthony Stonecipher's obligation to notify the court within 14 days if medically cleared to resume litigation earlier.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiffs filed a 619-page single-spaced complaint, a 589-page summary-judgment motion with more than 600 pages of attachments, and multiple other lengthy filings. Anthony Stonecipher alleged neurological and communication disabilities following neurosurgery and requested an extended stay, exemption from page limits, written-only proceedings, and various technological and procedural accommodations. Plaintiffs also sought to enjoin state-court judges and attorneys, obtain judicial notice of state-court materials, secure representation for the minor plaintiff, compel issuance of summonses, and correct the caption.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiffs filed the action on December 17, 2025, and submitted numerous oversized filings and motions. The magistrate judge ordered an amended complaint limited to 75 pages and struck oversized motions; the district court later stayed proceedings, deferred disability-accommodation and minor-representation issues, and denied

injunctive relief. This omnibus order resolved plaintiffs' objections and motions associated with docket entries 25, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and 39.

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