

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

A.F. v. G6 Hospitality, LLC

A.F. · No. Civ. No. 23-879 KG/GBW · Decided January 30, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of New Mexico denies Defendant’s motion to strike Plaintiff’s motion to reopen discovery. The Court concludes that Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(f) applies to pleadings, not motions, and states that it will consider the timeliness of the discovery motion when deciding whether to grant it.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of New Mexico
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the District of New Mexico
DECIDED	January 30, 2026
DOCKET	Civ. No. 23-879 KG/GBW
DISPOSITION	denied
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Defendant moved to strike Plaintiff’s motion to reopen discovery under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(f), arguing that the motion violated court orders and Rule 6(b).
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court applied the text of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(f) and exercised discretion in determining whether to strike the challenged filing.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unknown

TOPICS

- discovery dispute
- pleadings
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- discovery

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(f) authorizes the court to strike a motion to reopen discovery.

2. Whether the court should strike the motion to reopen discovery based on alleged untimeliness under Rule 6(b) and violations of prior court orders.

HOLDINGS

1. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(f) applies only to material contained in a pleading, and a motion to reopen discovery is not a pleading under Rule 7(a).
2. Even assuming discretion to strike material outside a pleading, the court declined to strike the motion because striking is a drastic and generally disfavored remedy, and Defendant had not shown that striking was warranted.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“By its express language, Rule 12(f) only applies to material contained in a “pleading.””

“Striking is a “drastic remedy” and motions to strike are “generally are disfavored.””

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff filed a motion to reopen discovery. Defendant sought to strike that motion, contending that it violated prior court orders and the time requirements of Rule 6(b). The court concluded that the motion to reopen discovery was not a pleading and therefore was not subject to Rule 12(f), and alternatively declined to strike it even assuming authority to do so.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff moved to reopen discovery. Defendant moved to strike that motion, asserting violations of prior court orders and Rule 6(b). After full briefing, the district court denied the motion to strike and directed Defendant to respond to the motion to reopen discovery, while reserving the timeliness issue for consideration when deciding the underlying motion.

DISPOSITION

denied

CASES CITED

- Estate of Anderson v. Denny’s Inc., 291 F.R.D. 622, 631, 634 (D.N.M. 2013)

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