

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Stanley Dobbs v. Lending USA, LLC, et al.

Dobbs · No. 1:25-cv-01451-SAB · Decided January 9, 2026

OPINION

Dobbs

PER CURIAM.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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10 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 STANLEY DOBBS, Case No. 1:25-cv-01451-SAB 12 Plaintiff, ORDER DIRECTING
CLERK OF COURT

13 TO TERMINATE DEFENDANT EQUIFAX

v. INFORMATION SERVICES, LLC

14 LENDING USA, LLC, et al., (ECF No. 12) 15 Defendants. 16 17 On January 8, 2026, Plaintiff
filed a notice of voluntary dismissal of the action with 18 prejudice as to Defendant Equifax
Information Services, LLC, pursuant to Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(i) of 19 the Federal Rules of Civil
Procedure. 20 “[U]nder Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(i), ‘a plaintiff has an absolute right to voluntarily
dismiss his 21 action prior to service by the defendant of an answer or a motion for summary
judgment.’” 22 Commercial Space Mgmt. Co., Inc. v. Boeing Co., Inc., 193 F.3d 1074, 1077 (9th
Cir. 1999), 23 quoting Wilson v. City of San Jose, 111 F.3d 688, 692 (9th Cir. 1997). “[A]
dismissal under

24 Rule 41(a)(1) is effective on filing, no court order is required, the parties are left as though no
25 action had been brought, the defendant can’t complain, and the district court lacks jurisdiction
to 26 do anything about it.” Id. at 1078; see also Pedrina v. Chun, 987 F.2d 608, 609 (9th Cir.
1993). 27 In this action, no defendant has filed an answer, other responsive pleading, or motion
for summary judgment. 1 Accordingly, the Clerk of the Court is HEREBY ORDERED to
TERMINATE Defendant 2 | Equifax Information Services, LLC, in this action. 3

4 IT IS SO ORDERED. F- 2 Se

5 | Dated: _ January 9, 2026

STANLEY A. BOONE

6 United States Magistrate Judge 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28