

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

Dennis Eborka v. Jaci Gustafson

No. 8:25CV630 (D. Neb. Dec. 23, 2025) · No. 8:25CV630 · Decided December 23, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of Nebraska denied Dennis Eborka’s duplicate motions for reconsideration under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 59(e) and 60(b). The court held that Eborka’s additional breach-of-contract allegations did not establish manifest error, newly discovered evidence, extraordinary circumstances, or another basis for relief from the prior dismissal without prejudice.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of Nebraska
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Joseph F. Bataillon
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the District of Nebraska
DECIDED	December 23, 2025
DOCKET	8:25CV630
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff moved for reconsideration of the dismissal without prejudice of his breach-of-contract complaint. The court treated the duplicate motions as potentially arising under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 59(e) or Rule 60(b) and denied both motions.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	A Rule 59(e) motion is limited to correcting manifest errors of law or fact or presenting newly discovered evidence and may not be used to introduce new evidence, new legal theories, or arguments that could have been raised before judgment. Relief under Rule 60(b) is available only on the grounds specified in the rule; relief under Rule 60(b)(6) requires extraordinary circumstances.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown; memorandum and order from a federal district court with no reporter citation identified
PARTIES	Dennis Eborka v. Jaci Gustafson

TOPICS

motion for reconsideration

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Plaintiff established a manifest error of law or fact or newly discovered evidence warranting relief under Rule 59(e).
2. Whether Plaintiff established any ground for relief from judgment under Rule 60(b), including extraordinary circumstances under Rule 60(b)(6).
3. Whether Plaintiff's additional allegations demonstrated a contractual breach and damages sufficient to warrant reconsideration of the dismissal.

HOLDINGS

1. Plaintiff was not entitled to relief under Rule 59(e) because he did not show a manifest error of law or fact or present qualifying newly discovered evidence, and his additional allegations could not be used to introduce new theories or arguments that could have been raised before judgment.
2. Plaintiff was not entitled to relief under Rule 60(b) because he did not establish any enumerated ground for relief, and he did not demonstrate extraordinary circumstances required for relief under Rule 60(b)(6).
3. The communication did not establish that Defendant promised to approve Plaintiff's requested grade change; it established only that she would submit the request to the advising committee for consideration.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Rule 59(e) motions serve the limited function of correcting manifest errors of law or fact or to present newly discovered evidence.”

“Under Rule 60(b), a court may grant a party relief from a judgment for the following reasons:”

“Relief under the catchall provision, Rule 60(b)(6), is available only in “extraordinary circumstances.””

“Defendant’s communication establishes Defendant never promised to grant Plaintiff’s request to change his courses to pass or no pass, but only stated that the committee would consider Plaintiff’s request.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff alleged that he provided a document requested by Defendant to effect a medical withdrawal and that Defendant breached an agreement by failing to timely approve or process a grade-option appeal, allegedly causing lost opportunities and more than \$85,000 in scholarship-related losses. In a substantially identical prior action, Plaintiff attached a communication in which Defendant stated that she would submit the matter to the advising committee and that Plaintiff would later learn whether the appeal was approved. The court concluded

that this communication showed Defendant promised submission for committee consideration, not approval of the requested grade change.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On October 30, 2025, the court dismissed Plaintiff's complaint without prejudice, concluding that the allegations did not establish a breach of contract resulting in damages exceeding the amount required for diversity jurisdiction. Plaintiff then filed duplicate motions for reconsideration, asserting additional facts concerning his performance, Defendant's alleged contractual obligations, and claimed losses. The court denied the motions on December 23, 2025.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Sanders v. Clemco Indus., 862 F.2d 161, 168 (8th Cir. 1988)
- United States v. Metro. St. Louis Sewer Dist., 440 F.3d 930, 933 (8th Cir. 2006)
- Buck v. Davis, 137 S. Ct. 759, 777-78 (2017)
- Gonzalez v. Crosby, 545 U.S. 524 (2005)
- Eborka v. Gustafson, No. 8:25-cv-00253-JMG-PRSE (D. Neb.)

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