

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF
GEORGIA, VALDOSTA DIVISION

Courtney Holley v. Cook County School District, et al.

Holley · No. 7:25-CV-00041 (WLS) · Decided January 13, 2026

SUMMARY

The court grants Plaintiff Courtney Holley's amendment of the complaint under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a)(2), based on Defendants' consent. Because the second amended complaint supersedes the prior pleading, the court denies Defendants' earlier motions to dismiss as moot and without prejudice.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia, Valdosta Division
WRITING FOR THE COURT	W. Louis Sands, Sr. Judge
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia, Valdosta Division
DECIDED	January 13, 2026
DOCKET	7:25-CV-00041 (WLS)
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff sought leave to file a second amended complaint, and defendants consented. The court granted the amendment and denied defendants' two prior motions to dismiss without prejudice as moot.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown; district court order with no reporter citation
PARTIES	Courtney Holley v. Cook County School District, et al.

TOPICS

- motion to amend
- motions to dismiss
- pleadings
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- employment discrimination

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether plaintiff could amend the complaint under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a)(2) with defendants' consent.
2. Whether defendants' pending motions to dismiss became moot after the amended complaint superseded the prior pleading.

HOLDINGS

1. After the period for amendment as a matter of course has expired, a party may amend a pleading by leave of court or with the opposing party's consent; because defendants consented, the court granted plaintiff's motion to amend.
2. Because plaintiff filed an authorized amended complaint, defendants' two prior motions to dismiss were denied without prejudice as moot.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“holding that an amended complaint supersedes the previous pleading.” (1215)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff Courtney Holley sought to file a second amended complaint. Defendants consented to the amendment. Defendants had previously filed two motions to dismiss, which remained pending when the amended complaint was filed.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff filed a second amended complaint with defendants' consent after the period for amendment as of course had expired. Because the amendment was authorized, the court denied defendants' earlier motions to dismiss without prejudice as moot.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- *Dresdner Bank AG v. M/V Olympia Voyager*, 463 F.3d 1210, 1215 (11th Cir. 2006)

OPINION

HOLLEY

PER CURIAM.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

VALDOSTA DIVISION

COURTNEY HOLLEY, : Plaintiff, :

v. : CASE NO.: 7:25-CV-00041 (WLS)

COOK COUNTY SCHOOL : DISTRICT, et al., : Defendants. :

ORDER

Plaintiff filed a second amended complaint with the consent of Defendants. (Doc. 24). Under Rule 15(a)(2), after the period in which a pleading may be amended as a matter of course has passed, as is the case here, a Party may amend a pleading only by leave of the Court or with the consent of the opposing party. Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(2). Because the opposing parties consent, the Motion is GRANTED. Plaintiff may amend her complaint. Because Plaintiff has amended her complaint, as authorized by the Court, Defendants' previous two Motions to Dismiss (Docs. 14 & 15) are DENIED, without prejudice, as moot. See, e.g., *Dresdner Bank AG v. M/V Olympia Voyager*, 463 F.3d 1210, 1215 (11th Cir. 2006) (holding that an amended complaint supersedes the previous pleading). SO ORDERED, this 13th day of January 2026. /s/ W. Louis Sands

W. LOUIS SANDS, SR. JUDGE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT