

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF
WASHINGTON

Colby Hutton v. Papa John's USA, Inc., and Papa John's
International, Inc.

Hutton · No. C25-1922-KKE · Decided December 18, 2025

SUMMARY

The court granted the parties’ stipulated motion extending the deadlines for the defendants to respond to the First Amended Complaint and for related opposition and reply filings. The court denied as moot the defendants’ motion to dismiss the original complaint because the First Amended Complaint superseded it and directed the clerk to terminate that motion.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Western District of Washington
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Kymberly K. Evanson
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Western District of Washington
DECIDED	December 18, 2025
DOCKET	C25-1922-KKE
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court considered the parties' stipulated motion to extend the defendants' deadline to respond to the First Amended Complaint and the defendants' motion to dismiss the original complaint.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unpublished district court order with limited precedential value.

TOPICS

- motions to dismiss
- pleadings
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- Civil procedure
- Commercial litigation

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether good cause supported extending the defendants' deadline to respond to the First Amended Complaint.

2. Whether the defendants' motion to dismiss the original complaint remained operative after the First Amended Complaint was filed.

HOLDINGS

1. The court granted the parties' stipulated motion and extended the defendants' deadline to respond to the First Amended Complaint through January 26, 2026, with corresponding opposition and reply deadlines.
2. Because the First Amended Complaint completely superseded the original complaint, the defendants' motion to dismiss the original complaint was denied as moot.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“*the general rule ... that an amended complaint supercedes [sic] the original complaint and renders it without legal effect*” (at 1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff filed an original complaint against Papa John's USA, Inc. and Papa John's International, Inc. Plaintiff then filed a First Amended Complaint. The defendants had moved to dismiss the original complaint, and the parties jointly sought additional time for the defendants to respond to the amended pleading.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

After Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint, the parties stipulated to an extension of time for Defendants to respond. Defendants also had a pending motion to dismiss the original complaint. The court granted the stipulated extension and denied the motion to dismiss as moot because the amended complaint superseded the original complaint.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Lacey v. Maricopa Cnty., 693 F.3d 896, 927 (9th Cir. 2012) (en banc)