

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, DALLAS DIVISION

Tamesha Brewer v. Mbroh Engineering, Inc. and Anthony Mbroh

Brewer · No. 3:22-CV-1861-K · Decided December 2, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas denied Defendants’ Motion for Partial Summary Judgment in an overtime-pay dispute. The Court struck a supplemental expert report and the appendix filed with Defendants’ reply because Defendants had not obtained leave to file new reply evidence and Plaintiff lacked a meaningful opportunity to respond. The Court concluded that genuine disputes of material fact remained regarding the overtime hours Plaintiff allegedly worked and the amount of overtime pay owed.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Ed Kinkeade
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division
DECIDED	December 2, 2025
DOCKET	3:22-CV-1861-K
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Defendants moved for partial summary judgment on Plaintiff's overtime-hours and overtime-pay claims. Plaintiff moved to strike a supplemental expert report submitted with Defendants' reply and sought leave to file a late Daubert motion.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Summary judgment is required when the movant shows that there is no dispute as to any material fact and the movant is entitled to judgment as a matter of law. The evidence and reasonable inferences were viewed in the light most favorable to the nonmovant, and disputed facts were resolved in Plaintiff's favor.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished
PARTIES	Tamesha Brewer v. Mbroh Engineering, Inc., Anthony Mbroh

TOPICS

summary judgment

wage and hour

evidence

daubert standard

civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

civil procedure

employment law

wage and hour

evidence

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Defendants' supplemental expert report and accompanying reply appendix should be considered when Defendants filed them without obtaining leave of court and Plaintiff lacked a meaningful opportunity to respond.
2. Whether Defendants were entitled to partial summary judgment because Plaintiff allegedly lacked competent evidence creating a genuine dispute regarding the overtime hours she worked and the overtime compensation owed.
3. Whether Plaintiff should receive leave to file a late Daubert motion after the challenged supplemental report was struck.

HOLDINGS

1. A party must obtain leave of court before filing an appendix with a reply, and the court may strike or decline to consider new evidentiary materials submitted without leave when the nonmovant lacked a meaningful opportunity to respond.
2. Defendants were not entitled to partial summary judgment because they failed to establish the absence of a genuine dispute of material fact concerning the number of overtime hours Plaintiff allegedly worked and the amount of overtime pay she may be owed.
3. The court did not consider the declarations in deciding the summary-judgment motion, so Defendants' objections were overruled as moot without prejudice to renewal if the declarations were later presented or offered.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“A party must obtain leave of court before filing an appendix with a reply.”

“The Court *DENIES* Defendants’ Motion for Partial Summary Judgment.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff claimed that she worked overtime hours for Defendants and was owed overtime compensation. Defendants argued that Plaintiff could not present competent summary-judgment evidence creating a genuine dispute regarding the number of overtime hours worked or the amount owed. Defendants also submitted a supplemental expert report with their reply, and Plaintiff challenged that submission as improper new evidence.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff opposed Defendants' motion for partial summary judgment and submitted supporting materials, including declarations. Defendants submitted a supplemental expert report with their reply without first obtaining leave of court. The district court struck the reply appendix, denied Plaintiff's motion for leave to file a late Daubert motion without prejudice, and denied Defendants' motion for partial summary judgment.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Spring Indus., Inc. v. Am. Motorists Ins. Co., 137 F.R.D. 238, 239 (N.D. Tex. 1991)
- Dethrow v. Parkland Health Hosp. Sys., 204 F.R.D. 102, 103-04 (N.D. Tex. 2001)
- Budri v. FirstFleet, Inc., 2020 WL 10816627, at *2 (N.D. Tex. June 10, 2020)
- Box v. Dallas Mexican Consulate Gen., Civ. Action No. 3:08-CV-1010-O, 2013 WL 12353108, at *2 (N.D. Tex. May 31, 2013)
- Owens v. Circassia Pharms., Inc., 33 F.4th 814, 824 (5th Cir. 2022)
- Scott v. Harris, 550 U.S. 372, 378 (2007)
- Trent v. Wade, 776 F.3d 368, 376 (5th Cir. 2015)
- Celotex Corp. v. Catrett, 477 U.S. 317, 323 (1986)
- Anderson v. Liberty Lobby, Inc., 477 U.S. 242, 248 (1986)
- ACE Am. Ins. Co. v. Freeport Welding & Fabricating, Inc., 699 F.3d 832, 839 (5th Cir. 2012)

OPINION

Brewer

PER CURIAM.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION

TAMESHA BREWER, §

§ Plaintiff, § § v. § Civil No. 3:22-CV-1861-K §

MBROH ENGINEERING, INC. and §

ANTHONY MBROH, §

§ Defendants. § §

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

Before the Court are Defendants Mbroh Engineering, Inc. and Anthony Mbroh's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment (Doc. No. 23), Brief in Support (Doc. No. 24), and Appendix (Doc. No. 23-1) (together, the "Motion"). Plaintiff Tamesha Brewer filed a Response (Doc. No. 28), Brief in Support (Doc. No. 29), and Appendix in Support (Doc. No. 30) (together, the "Response"). Defendants filed a Reply (Doc. No. 33) and Appendix in Support (Doc. No. 33)

(together, the “Reply”). Also before the Court is Plaintiff’s Motion to Strike and Motion for Leave to File Late Daubert Motion (Doc. No. 37). Defendants filed a response (Doc. No. 38) and Plaintiff filed a Reply (Doc. No. 44). I. Plaintiff’s Motion to Strike Plaintiff moves the Court to strike the “supplemented” expert report of Randall O’Neal that Defendants filed as Exhibit B in the Appendix to their Reply in support of their Motion for Partial Summary Judgment. Doc. No. 33 (the “Reply Appendix”). Plaintiff argues that this specific document, which Defendants identify as “Declaration of Randy O’Neal”, is a supplemental report that “raises new opinions [] inconsistent with Mr. O’Neal’s original report and contrary to federal law.” Doc. No. 37 at 1. In their response to the Motion to Strike, Defendants appear to concede this is a supplemental report (rather than a “declaration”) and contend that the Court should consider said report. See generally Doc. No. 38 (referencing the “supplemental report from [Defendants’] expert, Randy O’Neal”). Defendants claim this supplemental report was appropriately submitted with their reply in order to address the “bolstering evidence” Plaintiff submitted that “differed from her deposition testimony” as well as the declarations of two other individuals. *Id.* at 3. Defendants then admit they “are aware” leave of the Court is required to submit an appendix to a reply brief. *Id.* at 4. Despite not moving for leave prior to submitting O’Neal’s supplemental report, Defendants now request leave to file the Reply Appendix “[i]f this Court chooses to consider the Brewer, Brown and Sephton Declarations”. *Id.* Having carefully considered the parties’ briefing on this issue, the relevant summary judgment briefing and supporting evidence, the Court denies Defendants’ request for leave to file O’Neal’s supplemental report after-the-fact. Moreover, the Court finds that the Reply Appendix should be struck in its entirety. See *Spring Indus., Inc. v. Am. Motorists Ins. Co.*, 137 F.R.D. 238, 239 (N.D. Tex. 1991)(Fitzwater, J.) (“And where a movant has injected new evidentiary materials in a reply without affording the nonmovant an opportunity for further response, the court still retains the discretion to decline to consider them.”). A party must obtain leave of court before filing an appendix with a reply. *Dethrow v. Parkland Health Hosp. Sys.*, 204 F.R.D. 102, 103-04 (N.D. Tex. 2001)(Fitzwater, J.). Defendants did not move for leave to file their Reply Appendix before filing it, the Court did not otherwise grant leave, and Plaintiff did not have “a meaningful opportunity to respond” to it. See *Budri v. FirstFleet, Inc.*, 2020 WL 10816627, at *2 (N.D. Tex. June 10, 2020)(Ramirez, M.J.) (a movant is not “ordinarily permitted to introduce new evidence in support of a reply because such action would deprive the non-movant of a meaningful opportunity to respond”). For this reason alone, Defendants’ untimely request for leave is denied and the Reply Appendix in its entirety shall be struck. Even if the Court were to grant leave retroactively, which it is not, Mr. O’Neal’s supplemental report would nevertheless be struck for the following reasons. Defendants’ argument that this supplemental report was submitted “in direct response to proof adduced in opposition” is not persuasive. As the Court explains below, the Declarations of Ebonie Brown and William Sephton were not considered by the Court in determining Defendants’ Motion for Partial Summary Judgment. As for Plaintiff’s own declaration submitted in her response appendix, the Court is not swayed by Defendants’ contention that

Plaintiff “submitted a declaration trying to undo the vagueness of her deposition testimony.” Doc. No. 38 at 2. Accordingly, the Court grants Plaintiff’s Motion to Strike the Reply Appendix. See *Box v. Dallas Mexican Consulate Gen.*, Civ. Action No. 3:08-CV-1010-O, 2013 WL 12353108, at *2 (N.D. Tex. May 31, 2013)(O’Connor, J.) (“The Court agrees that attaching new evidentiary materials in this reply is improper.”). The Clerk is DIRECTED to STRIKE the Appendix to Defendants’ Reply to Plaintiff’s Response to Defendants’ Motion for Summary Judgment (Doc. No. 34). In light of the Reply Appendix (and consequently Mr. O’Neal’s supplemental report) being struck, the Court denies without prejudice to refiling (should the relief requested be necessary) Plaintiff’s Motion for Leave to Late File Daubert Motion. II. Defendants’ Motion for Partial Summary Judgment The Court has carefully considered Defendants’ Motion, the Response, the Reply, the relevant portions of the record, and the applicable law. Defendants argue generally that Plaintiff cannot present competent summary judgment evidence to raise a genuine dispute of material fact as to the amount of overtime hours she claims to have worked and the amount she claims to be owed as a result. See, e.g., Doc. No. 23 at 4. In deciding Defendants’ Motion, the Court viewed this evidence and all reasonable inferences in the light most favorable to Plaintiff (the nonmovant) and resolved all disputed facts in Plaintiff’s favor. *Owens v. Circassia Pharms., Inc.*, 33 F.4th 814, 824 (5th Cir. 2022) (citing *Scott v. Harris*, 550 U.S. 372, 378 (2007)). The Court first addresses Defendants’ objections to the declarations of Ebonie Brown and William Sephtom submitted in Plaintiff’s Appendix (Doc. No. 30) to her Response. Doc. No. 33 at 1-4. The Court did not consider either declaration in determining Defendants’ Motion for Partial Summary Judgment. Accordingly, the Court overrules these objections as moot. To be clear, this ruling is not a merits decision and, therefore, does not preclude Defendants from objecting to these declarations again should they be presented or offered in whole or in part. “Summary judgment is required when ‘the movant shows that there is no dispute as to any material fact and the movant is entitled to judgment as a matter of law.’” *Trent v. Wade*, 776 F.3d 368, 376 (5th Cir. 2015) (quoting FED. R. CIV. P. 56(a)). The Court finds that Defendants fail to establish the absence of a genuine dispute of material fact as to the number of overtime hours Plaintiff allegedly worked and the amount of overtime pay that she may be owed. See *Owen*, 33 F.4th at 824 (if nonmovant will have burden of proof at trial, movant must show that nonmovant “has completely failed to prove ‘an essential element of the nonmoving party’s case.’”) (cleaned up) (quoting *Celotex Corp. v. Catrett*, 477 U.S. 317, 323 (1986)); see also *Anderson v. Liberty Lobby, Inc.*, 477 U.S. 242, 248 (1986) (dispute of a material fact is “genuine” if evidence is such that a reasonable jury could return a verdict in favor of the nonmoving party). Even if the Court had found that Defendants met their initial burden, Plaintiff identified specific facts in the record that establish the existence of a genuine issue for trial. See *ACE Am. Ins. Co. v. Freeport Welding & Fabricating, Inc.*, 699 F.3d 832, 839 (5th Cir. 2012). The Court DENIES Defendants’ Motion for Partial Summary Judgment. SO ORDERED. Signed December 2025.

ED KINKEADE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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