

APPELLATE DIVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, SECOND JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Islam v. Audi Manhattan

2025 NY Slip Op 07288 (N.Y. Ct. App. 2025) · No. 2023-10994 · Decided December 24, 2025

SUMMARY

The Appellate Division, Second Department affirmed an order granting Audi Manhattan summary judgment dismissing claims for fraud, breach of the implied warranty of merchantability, and violation of General Business Law § 349. The court held that the defendants showed the plaintiff had signed a CARFAX report disclosing prior vehicle damage, that the vehicle was fit for its ordinary purpose and had no defect when sold, and that Audi had not engaged in materially misleading consumer-oriented conduct.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Second Judicial Department
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Mark C. Dillon, J.P.; Cheryl E. Chambers, J.; Lourdes M. Ventura, J.; James P. McCormack, J.
JURISDICTION	Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department
DECIDED	December 24, 2025
DOCKET	2023-10994
DISPOSITION	affirmed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff appealed from an order granting defendants summary judgment dismissing claims for fraud, breach of the implied warranty of merchantability, and violation of General Business Law § 349 insofar as asserted against Audi Manhattan.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Summary judgment is warranted when the moving party establishes prima facie entitlement to judgment as a matter of law and the opposing party fails to raise a triable issue of fact.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	published
PARTIES	Nazmul N. Islam v. Audi Manhattan, et al.

TOPICS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether defendants were entitled to summary judgment dismissing Islam's fraud claim against Audi Manhattan.
2. Whether defendants were entitled to summary judgment dismissing the claim for breach of the implied warranty of merchantability.
3. Whether defendants were entitled to summary judgment dismissing the claim under New York General Business Law § 349.

HOLDINGS

1. Summary judgment dismissing the fraud claim against Audi Manhattan was proper because defendants established prima facie that Audi made no misrepresentation to Islam, and Islam failed to raise a triable issue of fact.
2. Summary judgment dismissing the implied-warranty-of-merchantability claim was proper because defendants established prima facie that the vehicle was fit for its ordinary purpose and had no damage or defect when sold to Islam, and Islam failed to raise a triable issue of fact.
3. Summary judgment dismissing the General Business Law § 349 claim was proper because defendants established prima facie that Audi Manhattan did not engage in materially deceptive or misleading consumer-oriented conduct, and Islam failed to raise a triable issue of fact.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“A party asserting a claim based upon fraudulent misrepresentation must establish (1) a material misrepresentation of a fact, (2) knowledge of its falsity, (3) an intent to induce reliance, (4) justifiable reliance, and (5) damages” ([*1])

“A cause of action under General Business Law § 349 requires evidence that a defendant has engaged in (1) consumer-oriented conduct that is (2) materially misleading and that (3) plaintiff suffered injury as a result of the allegedly deceptive act or practice” ([*2])

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

On July 27, 2017, Islam purchased a certified pre-owned 2014 Audi Q5 from Audi Manhattan. Islam alleged that Audi provided a false CARFAX report that failed to disclose damage to the vehicle in September 2015. Defendants submitted a CARFAX report dated July 27, 2017, signed by Islam, that reflected the prior damage; they also submitted evidence that the vehicle had no damage or defect when sold and was fit for its ordinary purpose.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Islam sued Audi Manhattan and other defendants after purchasing a certified pre-owned 2014 Audi Q5. The Supreme Court, Queens County, granted defendants' motion for summary judgment on the specified claims against Audi Manhattan. The Appellate Division affirmed the order insofar as appealed from.

DISPOSITION

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CASES CITED

- Citibank, N.A. v. Potente, 210 A.D.3d 861, 863 (N.Y. App. Div. 2d Dep't 2022)
- 98 Gates Ave. Corp. v. Bryan, 225 A.D.3d 647, 649 (N.Y. App. Div. 2d Dep't 2024)
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- DiDomenico v. Long Beach Plaza Corp., 60 A.D.3d 615, 618 (N.Y. App. Div. 2d Dep't 2009)
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OPINION

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Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department MARK C. DILLON, J.P.

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JAMES P. MCCORMACK, JJ. 2023-10994

(Index No. 721621/19) [*1]Nazmul N. Islam, appellant, v Audi Manhattan, et al., respondents. Tariq Law P.C., New York, NY (Subhan Tariq of counsel), for appellant. Methfessel & Werbel, New York, NY (Steven A. Unterburger of counsel), for respondents. DECISION & ORDER In an action, inter alia, to recover damages for fraud, breach of the implied warranty of merchantability, and a violation of General Business Law § 349, the plaintiff appeals from an

order of the Supreme Court, Queens County (Leonard Livote, J.), entered July 11, 2023. The order, insofar as appealed from, granted those branches of the defendants' motion which were for summary judgment dismissing the causes of action alleging fraud, breach of the implied warranty of merchantability, and a violation of General Business Law § 349 insofar as asserted against the defendant Audi Manhattan. ORDERED that the order is affirmed insofar as appealed from, with costs. On July 27, 2017, the plaintiff purchased a certified pre-owned 2014 Audi Q5 (hereinafter the vehicle) from the defendant Audi Manhattan (hereinafter Audi). In December 2019, the plaintiff commenced this action against the defendants, among other things, asserting causes of action against Audi to recover damages for fraud, breach of the implied warranty of merchantability, and a violation of General Business Law § 349. In the complaint, the plaintiff alleged, inter alia, that when Audi sold the vehicle to him in July 2017, it provided a false CARFAX report that failed to disclose that the vehicle had been damaged in September 2015. The defendants moved for summary judgment dismissing the complaint. In an order entered July 11, 2023, the Supreme Court, among other things, granted those branches of the defendants' motion which were for summary judgment dismissing the causes of action alleging fraud, breach of the implied warranty of merchantability, and a violation of General Business Law § 349 insofar as asserted against Audi. The plaintiff appeals. "A party asserting a claim based upon fraudulent misrepresentation must establish (1) a material misrepresentation of a fact, (2) knowledge of its falsity, (3) an intent to induce reliance, (4) justifiable reliance, and (5) damages" (Citibank, N.A. v Potente , 210 AD3d 861, 863 ; see 98 Gates Ave. Corp. v Bryan , 225 AD3d 647 , 649). Here, the defendants established their prima facie entitlement to judgment as a matter of law dismissing the cause of action alleging fraud insofar as asserted against Audi by submitting evidence that Audi did not make any misrepresentation to the plaintiff (see Starr v Akdeniz , 162 AD3d 948 , 950; DiDomenico v Long Beach Plaza Corp. , 60 [*2]AD3d 615, 618). In support of their motion, the defendants submitted, inter alia, a CARFAX report dated July 27, 2017, which was signed by the plaintiff, reflecting the prior damage to the vehicle in September 2015. In opposition, the plaintiff failed to raise a triable issue of fact (see Starr v Akdeniz , 162 AD3d at 950; DiDomenico v Long Beach Plaza Corp. , 60 AD3d at 618). A defendant can establish its prima facie entitlement to judgment as a matter of law dismissing a cause of action alleging breach of the implied warranty of merchantability (UCC 2-314[2][c]) by demonstrating that the goods at issue were reasonably fit for the ordinary purpose for which they were used, that the defect in the goods was not a proximate cause of the plaintiff's accident, or that the alleged defect did not exist at the time the goods left the defendant (see Denny v Ford Motor Co. , 87 NY2d 248, 259 ; Hempstead v Hammer & Steel, Inc. , 234 AD3d 407 , 409). Here, the evidence submitted by the defendants established, prima facie, that there was no damage or defect to the vehicle when it was sold to the plaintiff and that the vehicle was fit for the ordinary purpose for which it was to be used (see Bradley v Earl B. Feiden, Inc. , 8 NY3d 265, 273 ; Denny v Ford Motor Co. , 87 NY2d at 259). In opposition, the plaintiff failed to raise a triable issue of fact. "A cause of action under General

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