

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF
ALABAMA, NORTHERN DIVISION

Foster v. Author Success Publishing, Mark Anderson, Michaela
Stone, Emily Rose, Echo Global LLC, and Khurram Y. Khan

Foster · No. 2:25-cv-545-BL-JTA · Decided December 10, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama addresses Plaintiff Ronald H. Foster’s cross-motion for summary judgment. The court orders Defendant Khurram Khan to show cause why the motion should not be granted, permits Foster to file a reply, and sets out the governing Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 56 summary-judgment standard. The order is dated December 10, 2025.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama, Northern Division
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Jerusha T. Adams
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama, Northern Division
DECIDED	December 10, 2025
DOCKET	2:25-cv-545-BL-JTA
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The court considered Plaintiff Ronald H. Foster's cross-motion for summary judgment and ordered Defendant Khurram Khan to show cause why the motion should not be granted, followed by a reply from Plaintiff.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Summary judgment is proper when the pleadings and evidentiary materials show no genuine issue of material fact and the movant is entitled to judgment as a matter of law. The movant bears the initial burden of identifying the basis for the motion and the portions of the record demonstrating the absence of a genuine factual dispute, while the nonmovant must identify specific facts showing a genuine issue for trial. Evidence is viewed in the nonmovant's favor, with all justifiable inferences drawn in that party's favor.

PRECEDENTIAL VALUE

unknown

TOPICS

summary judgment

civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

civil procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. What summary-judgment standard governs Plaintiff's pending cross-motion under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 56?
2. What briefing and submission schedule should govern the pending cross-motion for summary judgment?

HOLDINGS

1. Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 56, summary judgment is proper when the record shows no genuine issue of material fact and the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law; the movant bears the initial burden, and the nonmovant must identify specific facts showing a genuine issue for trial.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 56(c), summary judgment is proper “if the pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories, and admissions on file, together with the affidavits, if any, show that there is no genuine issue as to any material fact and that the moving party is entitled to a judgment as a matter of law.””

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The order contains no substantive factual findings concerning the underlying dispute. It identifies Plaintiff Ronald H. Foster's cross-motion for summary judgment and Defendant Khurram Y. Khan's obligation to show cause why the motion should not be granted.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The order addresses Plaintiff's pending cross-motion for summary judgment. The court did not decide the motion on the merits; instead, it established a show-cause and reply schedule and stated that the motion would be submitted after the reply was filed.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- *Palm v. United States*, 904 F. Supp. 1312, 1314 (M.D. Ala. 1995)
- *Celotex Corp. v. Catrett*, 477 U.S. 317, 322-324 (1986)
- *Anderson v. Liberty Lobby*, 477 U.S. 242, 248, 255 (1986)
- *Matsushita Elec. Indus. Co. v. Zenith Radio Corp.*, 475 U.S. 574, 106 (1986)

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