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**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS**

FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

JEFFREY D. SLYMAN,

*Plaintiff-Appellant,*

v.

CITY OF PIQUA; GRANT D. KERBER, in his individual  
and official capacity as Director of Law (City of  
Piqua),

*Defendants-Appellees.*

No. 07-3468

Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Southern District of Ohio at Dayton.  
No. 06-00006—Walter H. Rice, District Judge.

Argued: January 30, 2008

Decided and Filed: February 8, 2008

Before: GUY, GILMAN, and McKEAGUE, Circuit Judges.

**COUNSEL**

**ARGUED:** Elaine S. Bernstein, Dayton, Ohio, for Appellant. Robert J. Surdyk, SURDYK DOWD & TURNER, Dayton, Ohio, for Appellee. **ON BRIEF:** Elaine S. Bernstein, Dayton, Ohio, for Appellant. Robert J. Surdyk, SURDYK DOWD & TURNER, Dayton, Ohio, for Appellee.

**OPINION**

PER CURIAM. Plaintiff Jeffrey Slyman was appointed by defendant the City of Piqua as an Assistant Law Director. When defendant Grant Kerber, Piqua's then-Current Law Director and plaintiff's supervisor, discharged Slyman, Slyman sued, alleging identical procedural due process violations against both Piqua and Kerber. The defendants moved for summary judgment, asserting that plaintiff's due process claims fail because he did not have a federally protected property interest in continued employment.

The district court agreed and granted defendants' motion for summary judgment. Plaintiff filed this timely appeal.

Having had the benefit of oral argument and having carefully considered the record on appeal, we are not persuaded that a lengthy opinion is necessary. Accordingly, we AFFIRM for the

reasons set forth in the well-reasoned opinion of the district court. *See Slyman v. City of Piqua*, 494 F. Supp. 2d 732 (S.D. Ohio. 2007).