United States Court of Appeals For the Eighth Circuit

No. 17-1417

Estelean Jeanette Dodge

Plaintiff - Appellant

v.

Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Company

Defendant - Appellee

Appeal from United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas - Little Rock

> Submitted: January 26, 2018 Filed: February 13, 2018 [Unpublished]

Before GRUENDER, BOWMAN, and KELLY, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Estelean Jeanette Dodge appeals after the District Court¹ dismissed her complaint alleging that she had been wrongfully denied long-term disability benefits

¹The Honorable Billy Roy Wilson, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

and asserting a claim under the Employment Retirement Income Security Act. The District Court dismissed the complaint under Rule 12(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, concluding in a well-reasoned order that the cause of action was time-barred. After de novo review, we conclude that the dismissal was proper for the reasons stated by the District Court.² See Kelly v. City of Omaha, 813 F.3d 1070, 1075 (8th Cir. 2016) (standard of review).

We affirm the judgment of the District Court. See 8th Cir. R. 47B.

²We decline to consider issues raised for the first time on appeal or documents that were not before the District Court. <u>See Dubinsky v. Mermart, LLC</u>, 595 F.3d 812, 819 (8th Cir. 2010); <u>Griffin v. Super Valu</u>, 218 F.3d 869, 871 (8th Cir. 2000).