

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
WESTERN DIVISION**

PATRICIA DODSON

PLAINTIFF

v.

NO. 4:08CV03925 JMM

**UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES, By and
Through the University of Arkansas System,
Board of Trustees, et. al.**

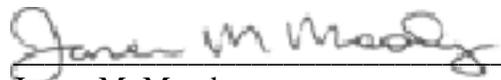
DEFENDANTS

ORDER

Pending are Defendants' motions to dismiss. (Docket #'s 10 and 12). For the reasons stated on the record in the hearing held on this date, Defendants' motions to dismiss are GRANTED.

The *Rooker-Feldman* doctrine precludes this Court from exercising jurisdiction over Plaintiff's claims. The *Rooker-Feldman* doctrine states that district courts do not have subject matter jurisdiction over challenges to state court decisions in judicial proceedings. *Rooker v. Fidelity Trust Co.*, 263 U.S. 413 (1923); *District of Columbia Court of Appeals v. Feldman*, 460 U.S. 462 (1983). The Court has studied Plaintiff's claims and finds that they are inextricably intertwined with the state court proceedings. Plaintiff's claims could succeed only upon a finding that the state courts wrongly decided the issues. The Court finds that the *Rooker-Feldman* doctrine bars Plaintiff's claims. Plaintiff's complaint is hereby dismissed for lack of subject matter jurisdiction.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 27th day of February, 2009.



James M. Moody
United States District Judge