

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

HERBERT CRAWFORD

v.

SHAPIRO & BROWN, ET AL.

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Civil No. – JFM-16-3416

**MEMORANDUM**

Plaintiff has brought this action against Shapiro & Brown, LLP and JPMorgan Chase Bank National Association. Defendants have filed motions to dismiss and to strike a purported *lis pendens*.

Plaintiff's claims are barred by the doctrine of *res judicata*. He has brought two prior actions seeking to litigate the same issues raised in this case. The doctrine of *res judicata* therefore applies. See *R & D 2001, LLC v. Rice*, 402 Md. 648, 663 (2008); *Rowland v. Harrison*, 320 Md. 223, 229 (1990).

A separate order dismissing this action is being entered herewith.

Date: 12/5/16

  
J. Frederick Motz  
United States District Judge

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