

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

 BONNIE CURRAN,
 Plaintiff
 v.
 JOHN CODDINGTON,
 in his individual capacity,
 Defendant

Case No. 1:19-cv-12548-RWZ

DEFENDANT JOHN CODDINGTON'S MOTION FOR JUDGMENT ON THE PLEADINGS

Now comes Defendant John Coddington who moves for judgment on the pleadings on all claims pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(c). The sole claim in this matter is for monetary relief under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 in which Plaintiff Bonnie Curran alleges that Coddington, acting as a duly appointed hearing officer for the Medford Housing Authority, violated her First Amendment rights by recommending and causing her discharge. That claim fails as a matter of law because Coddington is entitled to absolute quasi-judicial immunity, the Complaint fails to allege a constitutional violation, Coddington is entitled at least to qualified immunity, and abstention is required pursuant to the Younger Abstention Doctrine because an appeal of Curran's discharge is currently ongoing in Massachusetts Superior Court. In support of this motion, Defendant John Coddington incorporates his Memorandum of Law which is filed herewith.

In light of the pendency of a related, and possibly dispositive, case in the state court, it is appropriate for this court to defer decision on the instant motion until the state case is resolved.

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