

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON
PORTLAND DIVISION

LEANNE J. HENSLEY,

Plaintiff,

v.

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

Defendant.

Case No. 3:20-cv-00859-JR

OPINION AND ORDER

MOSMAN, J.,

On August 18, 2021, Magistrate Judge Jolie A. Russo issued her Findings and Recommendation (“F&R”) [ECF 80], recommending that this court grant Defendant Oregon Department of Justice’s Motion to Dismiss [ECF 68] and dismiss Plaintiff Leanne Hensley’s Second Amended Complaint, but that the dismissal be without prejudice. Judge Russo also recommended the denial of Plaintiff’s Motion for Leave to File an Amended Complaint [ECF 71]. Defendant filed objections on August 23, 2021 [ECF 82]. Upon review, I agree with Judge Russo’s recommendation to dismiss the complaint. However, I find the complaint should be dismissed with prejudice. I GRANT the motion and DISMISS Plaintiff’s Second Amended Complaint [ECF 54] with prejudice. Moreover, I DENY Plaintiff’s Motion for Leave to File an Amended Complaint [ECF 71].

DISCUSSION

The magistrate judge makes only recommendations to the court, to which any party may file written objections. The court is not bound by the recommendations of the magistrate judge but retains responsibility for making the final determination. The court is generally required to make a de novo determination regarding those portions of the report or specified findings or recommendation as to which an objection is made. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C). However, the court is not required to review, de novo or under any other standard, the factual or legal conclusions of the magistrate judge as to those portions of the F&R to which no objections are addressed. *See Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 149 (1985); *United States v. Reyna-Tapia*, 328 F.3d 1114, 1121 (9th Cir. 2003). While the level of scrutiny under which I am required to review the F&R depends on whether or not objections have been filed, in either case, I am free to accept, reject, or modify any part of the F&R. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C).

Over the course of this case, Plaintiff has filed four different complaints.¹ Compl. [ECF 1]; Am. Compl. [ECF 21]; Second Am. Compl. [ECF 54]; Proposed Am. Compl. [ECF 75]. Each time, Judge Russo has carefully analyzed Plaintiff's complaint and found that it failed to meet the requirements under Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a). Order [ECF 7]; F&R [ECF 22]; F&R [ECF 80]. However, in the F&R before me, Judge Russo recommends I grant dismissal without prejudice. F&R [ECF 80] at 15 n.3. I disagree.

Though “[d]ismissal with prejudice...is a harsh remedy,” that harshness “is directly proportionate to the likelihood that plaintiff would prevail if permitted to go forward to trial.” *McHenry v. Renne*, 84 F.3d 1172, 1178–79 (9th Cir. 1996) (quoting *Von Poppenheim v. Portland Boxing & Wrestling Comm’n*, 442 F.2d 1047, 1053 n.4 (9th Cir. 1971)). Here, Plaintiff has failed

¹ The Court construes Plaintiff's original complaint [ECF 1], which was filed in three parts, *see id.* Ex. 1; *id.* Ex. 2, as one complaint.

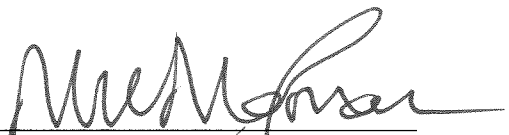
to articulate a claim with any likelihood of success at trial. Instead, she alleges a Title VII action against a company she never worked for and an invasion of privacy claim that lacks even a shadow of the elements of such a claim. *See* F&R [ECF 80] at 10–11. As such, I find that Plaintiff’s complaint cannot “be saved by amendment,” and therefore must be dismissed with prejudice. *Ewbank v. Emrick*, 859 Fed. Appx. 147, 149 (9th Cir. 2021) (quoting *Eminence Cap., LLC v. Aspeon, Inc.*, 316 F.3d 1048, 1052 (9th Cir. 2003)).

CONCLUSION

Upon review, I agree with Judge Russo’s recommendation in part, and I ADOPT the F&R [ECF 80] with the exception of its recommendation that the dismissal of the complaint be without prejudice. I GRANT Defendant Oregon Department of Justice’s Motion to Dismiss [ECF 68] and DISMISS Plaintiff Leanne Hensley’s Second Amended Complaint [ECF 54] with prejudice. Moreover, I DENY Plaintiff’s Motion for Leave to File an Amended Complaint [ECF 71].

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this ^{20th} day of October, 2021.


MICHAEL W. MOSMAN
United States District Judge