

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Barton v. Bd. of Regents, Docket No. 50756

The Idaho Supreme Court affirmed a district court's dismissal of Appellant Laurie Barton's lawsuit against the Board of Regents of the University of Idaho and Idaho State Board of Education (collectively the "University"). Barton initiated the lawsuit after she was denied her degree for violating the University of Idaho, College of Law's honor code during her third year of law school. Barton later filed a motion for leave to amend her complaint to add two more defendants: the Associate Dean of Students at the College of Law and a former professor at the College. The district court denied Barton's motion after finding it was untimely, prejudicial, and futile. The University then filed a motion for summary judgment, which the district court granted. Barton filed a motion for reconsideration, which the district court denied.

The Idaho Supreme Court first affirmed the district court's decision denying Barton's motion to amend her complaint after concluding Barton failed to adequately challenge the grounds on which district court denied her motion. Next, the Court held the district court did not err in granting the University's motion for summary judgment because Barton failed to raise a genuine issue of material fact that: (1) the University violated its duty of good faith and fair dealing; or (2) that the University promised she would receive a degree. Last, the Court affirmed the district court's denial of Barton's motion for reconsideration because Barton failed to provide any argument or authority challenging the denial.

******This summary constitutes no part of the opinion of the Court, but has been prepared by court staff for the convenience of the public.******