

**United States Court of Appeals**  
**For the Eighth Circuit**

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No. 25-1627

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Kristy Michelle Keirse

*Plaintiff - Appellant*

v.

LaWanda Newton, Supervisor of Reasonable Accommodations; Gregory Buerschen, Dental Chief and Supervisor; Kimberly Unknown, of Department of Labor - Claims; Edwina Dickerson, HR Specialist Workers Compensation; Angela Smith, Senior Strategic Business Partner Human Resources; Douglas A. Collins, Secretary of Veteran Affairs; Elena S. Goldstein, Deputy Solicitor of Labor Front Office U.S. Department of Labor; Department of Veterans Affairs; Paul Hopkins, Director; Ashley Leopold, Environment of Care/Safety

*Defendants - Appellees*

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Appeal from United States District Court  
for the Eastern District of Missouri - Cape Girardeau

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Before BENTON, STRAS, and KOBES, Circuit Judges.

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PER CURIAM.

Kristy Keirseay appeals the district court's<sup>1</sup> dismissal of her pro se action raising civil rights and Federal Torts Claim Act claims arising from her federal employment. After careful review of the record and the parties' arguments on appeal, we conclude that dismissal was proper for the reasons stated by the district court. See Montin v. Moore, 846 F.3d 289, 292 (8th Cir. 2017) (de novo review of dismissal under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)). We find no abuse of discretion in the denial of Keirseay's motion to amend her complaint, see Reuter v. Jax Ltd., Inc., 711 F.3d 918, 921-22 (8th Cir. 2013) (standard of review; district court may deny leave to amend complaint if amendment would be futile); and no merit to her allegations of judicial bias, see Liteky v. United States, 510 U.S. 540, 555 (1994) (judicial rulings alone almost never constitute valid basis for finding of bias).

The judgment is affirmed. See 8th Cir. R. 47B. We deny Keirseay's pending motions.

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<sup>1</sup>The Honorable Stephen N. Limbaugh, Jr., United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.