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Ex parte City of Bessemer

Supreme Court of Alabama - October 18, 2013 - So.3d - 2013 WL 5663871

City and city councilors petitioned for a writ of mandamus directing the Jefferson Circuit Court, to dismiss a claim alleging bad-faith failure to pay legal bills and costs stemming from a complaint filed by former city councilor and law firm that represented councilor and to dismiss a racial discrimination claim brought by councilor. Former city councilor's claim against city for bad-faith failure to pay legal expenses was associated with criminal action alleging ethics law violations, of which councilor was ultimately acquitted.

The Supreme Court held that:

- Former city councilor's claim against city for bad-faith failure to pay legal expenses was precluded by local-governmental immunity, and
- City councilors were not protected by legislative immunity from racial discrimination claim.