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# Law360: NJ Anti-SLAPP Fee Shift Applies In Federal Court, Judge Says

In “NJ Anti-SLAPP Fee Shift Applies In Federal Court, Judge Says” (Law360, May 7, 2025), Law360 discusses a significant ruling in Christopher Paucek et al. v. Dahn Shaulis, where a New Jersey federal judge held that the state’s anti-SLAPP law—including its fee-shifting provision—applies in federal court.

The article explains that Dr. Dahn Shaulis, a blogger sued for defamation by the CEO of Pro Athlete Community, may recover attorney fees and litigation costs under New Jersey’s Uniform Public Expression Protection Act (UPEPA) if he prevails in dismissing the claims. Judge Renée Marie Bumb’s ruling affirms that its fee-shifting provision does not conflict with federal rules, paving the way for its enforcement in federal court. This case centers on the scope of free speech protections under UPEPA.

Dr. Dahn Shaulis is represented in this matter by Pollock Cohen LLP managing partner Adam Pollock and co-counsel Christopher Serbagi of The Serbagi Law Firm PC.

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