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(United States First Circuit) - In a civil rights suit filed by a mother who complained that the defendants inadequately responded to the bullying of her son by his middle school peers, in violation of his federal substantive due process rights, the District Court's grant of defendant's motion to dismiss is affirmed where: 1) the facts presented here simply do not give rise to a substantive due process violation; and 2) the conduct alleged does not fall within the scope of Title IX, which is concerned with actions taken 'on the basis of sex,' 20 U.S.C. section 1681(a), and not undifferentiated bullying.

Hochendoner v. Genzyme Corp.

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Civil Procedure, Drugs & Biotech

(United States First Circuit) - In consolidated actions arising out of the shortage of a medication that treats Fabry Disease, a rare genetic disorder that leaves afflicted persons unable to synthesize a key enzyme that helps the body break down fats, the District Court's order of dismissal is affirmed for lack of Article III standing where no specific information is provided regarding the harm, if any, that has befallen each individual plaintiff.