

**United States Court of Appeals
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT**

No. 09-2144

Stephen Walter Solors,

Appellant,

v.

Jim Warta; Jim Chamberlin; Keith
Pohl; Gregory Verkuilen; Julie Olson;
Lisa Woog; Aaron Patrick; Keith
Haggestad; Donald F. Ryan; John J.
Sausen, Assistant County Attorney;
Rockwell J. Wells; Tim Pickar; Lori
Swanson; Lyman Whitney,

Appellees.

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* Appeal from the United States
* District Court for the
* District of Minnesota.
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Filed: February 25, 2010

Before MELLOY, BOWMAN, and SMITH, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Stephen Solors appeals from the judgment of the District Court¹ dismissing his civil rights action against individuals who allegedly interfered with a driveway construction project on his land. Following careful review, we conclude that the District Court did not abuse its discretion in dismissing Solors's claims based on abstention principles. See Middlesex County Ethics Comm. v. Garden State Bar Ass'n, 457 U.S. 423, 431 (1982) (noting that Supreme Court precedents "espouse a strong federal policy against federal-court interference with pending state judicial proceedings absent extraordinary circumstances"); see also Norwood v. Dickey, 409 F.3d 901, 903 (8th Cir. 2005) (standard of review); State v. Solors, No. A09-127, 2010 WL 10381 (Minn. Ct. App. Jan. 5, 2010) (unpublished) (appeal from the state proceeding against Solors). We also agree with the District Court that Solors failed to state a claim. See Bell Atl. Corp. v. Twombly, 550 U.S. 544, 570 (2007) (holding that district court properly dismissed plaintiffs' restraint-of-trade complaint because their claim was not plausible on its face); Levy v. Ohl, 477 F.3d 988, 991 (8th Cir. 2007) (de novo standard of review). Finally, the District Court did not abuse its discretion in denying Solors's motions for a default judgment. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(a)(4)(A) (extending the time for serving a responsive pleading while a motion is pending in the district court); Norsyn, Inc. v. Desai, 351 F.3d 825, 828 (8th Cir. 2003) (standard of review).

Accordingly, we affirm.

¹The Honorable Joan N. Ericksen, United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, adopting the report and recommendations of the Honorable Raymond L. Erickson, United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Minnesota.