

**U.S. District Court**  
**United States District Court for the District of Connecticut (New Haven)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 3:97-cv-02022-RNC**

Sabel, et al v. Danbury Public, et al  
Assigned to: Judge Robert N. Chatigny  
Demand: \$0  
Cause: 42:1983 Civil Rights Act

Date Filed: 09/23/1997  
Date Terminated: 09/25/1998  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 440 Civil Rights: Other  
Jurisdiction: Federal Question

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**David Sabel**

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situated*

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**Plaintiff**

**Ralene Petrovich**

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situated*

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**Defendant**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
09/23/1997	1	Class Action COMPLAINT Filing fee \$150.00, Receipt #158652 (Brown, S.) (Entered: 09/26/1997)
09/23/1997		SUMMONS(ES) issued for Danbury Public, Timothy Connors, John Goetz, John Eriquez, Joseph Noto, Kathleen Matusziak (Brown, S.) (Entered: 09/26/1997)
09/23/1997	2	ORDER on Pretrial Deadlines handed to counsel. Discovery cutoff 3/25/98 ; Dispositive Motions due 4/24/98 Amended Pleadings due 11/23/97 Motions to Dismiss due 12/23/97 (Brown, S.) (Entered: 09/26/1997)
09/23/1997	3	APPEARANCE of Attorney for David Sabel, Ralene Petrovich — Maureen M. Murphy (Brown, S.) (Entered: 09/26/1997)
10/20/1997	4	MOTION by David Sabel, Ralene Petrovich for Kristen Galles to Appear Pro Hac Vice (Blue,A.) (Entered: 10/20/1997)
10/21/1997		ENDORSEMENT granting [4-1] motion for Kristen Galles to Appear Pro Hac Vice ( signed by Judge Robert N. Chatigny ) (Blue,A.) (Entered: 10/21/1997)
10/27/1997	5	APPEARANCE of Attorney for Danbury Public, Timothy Connors, John Goetz, John Eriquez, Joseph Noto, Kathleen Matusziak, Does 1 Through 50 — Michael Peter McKeon (Blue,A.) (Entered: 10/27/1997)
10/27/1997	6	MOTION by Danbury Public, Timothy Connors, John Goetz, John Eriquez, Joseph Noto, Kathleen Matusziak, Does 1 Through 50 to Extend Time until 11/13/97 to respond to complaint (Blue,A.) (Entered: 10/27/1997)
10/28/1997		ENDORSEMENT [6-1] motion to Extend Time until 11/13/97 to respond to complaint ordered accordingly ( signed by Clerk ) (Blue,A.) (Entered: 10/28/1997)

10/31/1997	7	APPEARANCE of Attorney for David Sabel, Ralene Petrovich — Kristen M. Galles — (Wood, R.) (Entered: 10/31/1997)
10/31/1997	8	SUMMONS Returned Executed on 9/25/97 as to Danbury Public, Timothy Connors, John Goetz, John Eriquez, Joseph Noto, Kathleen Matusziak (Wood, R.) (Entered: 10/31/1997)
11/14/1997	9	MOTION by Danbury Public, Timothy Connors, John Goetz, John Eriquez, Joseph Noto, Kathleen Matusziak, Does 1 Through 50 to Extend Time until 11/25/97 to respond to complaint (Bauer, J.) (Entered: 11/17/1997)
11/18/1997		ENDORSEMENT granting [9-1] motion to Extend Time until 11/25/97 to respond to complaint ( signed by Judge Robert N. Chatigny ) (Former Employee) (Entered: 11/19/1997)
11/26/1997	10	MOTION by Danbury Public, Timothy Connors, John Goetz, John Eriquez, Joseph Noto, Kathleen Matusziak, Does 1 Through 50 to Dismiss counts 1 &2 (Brief Due 12/17/97 ) (Blue,A.) (Entered: 12/01/1997)
11/26/1997	11	MEMORANDUM by Danbury Public, Timothy Connors, John Goetz, John Eriquez, Joseph Noto, Kathleen Matusziak, Does 1 Through 50 in support of [10-1] motion to Dismiss counts 1 &2 (Blue,A.) (Entered: 12/01/1997)
12/10/1997	12	Notice to counsel regarding 26(f). Report of Conference due 12/25/97 ( signed by Clerk ) (Kunofsky, L.) (Entered: 12/10/1997)
12/18/1997	13	REPORT of Parties Planning Meeting (Blue,A.) (Entered: 12/18/1997)
12/23/1997	14	MOTION by David Sabel, Ralene Petrovich to Extend Time until 2/3/98 to respond to the motion to dismiss (Blue,A.) (Entered: 12/23/1997)
12/29/1997		ENDORSEMENT granting [14-1] motion to Extend Time until 2/3/98 to respond to the motion to dismiss, Brief Deadline set for 2/3/98 [10-1] motion to Dismiss counts 1 &2 ( signed by Judge Robert N. Chatigny ) (Blue,A.) (Entered: 12/29/1997)
12/29/1997	15	NOTICE of late filing of report of parties planning by Danbury Public, Timothy Connors, John Goetz, John Eriquez, Joseph Noto, Kathleen Matusziak, Does 1 Through 50 (Blue,A.) (Entered: 12/29/1997)
01/09/1998		ENDORSEMENT approving [13-1] report, set Conference for 2:00 on 5/1/98 , reset Discovery deadline to 7/27/98 , set Filing of Trial Memorandum due by 9/7/98 signed by Judge Robert N. Chatigny ) (Blue,A.) (Entered: 01/09/1998)
02/03/1998	16	MEMORANDUM by David Sabel in opposition to [10-1] motion to Dismiss counts 1 &2 by defendant (Blue,A.) (Entered: 02/03/1998)
03/02/1998	17	MOTION by David Sabel, Ralene Petrovich to Certify Class (Brief Due 3/23/98 ) (Blue,A.) (Entered: 03/03/1998)
03/02/1998	18	MEMORANDUM by David Sabel, Ralene Petrovich in support of [17-1] motion to Certify Class (Blue,A.) (Entered: 03/03/1998)
03/30/1998	19	MOTION by Danbury Public, Timothy Connors, John Goetz, John Eriquez, Joseph Noto, Kathleen Matusziak, Does 1 Through 50 to Extend Time until 5/1/98 to answer or object to plaintiff's interrogatories and requests for production (Kunofsky, L.) (Entered: 03/30/1998)
04/01/1998		Call of the Calendar set for 2:00 5/1/98 ( RNC) (Kunofsky, L.) (Entered: 04/01/1998)
04/01/1998		ENDORSEMENT granting [19-1] motion to Extend Time until 5/1/98 to answer or object to plaintiff's interrogatories and requests for production ( signed by Judge Robert N. Chatigny ) (Blue,A.) (Entered: 04/02/1998)
04/27/1998	20	MOTION by Danbury Public, Timothy Connors, John Goetz, John Eriquez, Joseph Noto, Kathleen Matusziak, Does 1 Through 50 to Extend Time until 5/21/98 to answer and/or object to interrogatories &requests for production (Blue,A.) (Entered: 04/28/1998)

04/29/1998	21	MOTION by David Sabel, Ralene Petrovich to Extend Time until 6/15/98 to file their expert report (Blue,A.) (Entered: 04/29/1998)
05/01/1998	22	RESPONSE by Danbury Public, Timothy Connors, John Goetz, John Eriquez, Joseph Noto, Kathleen Matusziak, Does 1 Through 50 to [21-1] motion to Extend Time until 6/15/98 to file their expert report by Ralene Petrovich, David Sabel (Blue,A.) (Entered: 05/01/1998)
05/01/1998	23	MEMORANDUM by Danbury Public, Timothy Connors, John Goetz, John Eriquez, Joseph Noto, Kathleen Matusziak, Does 1 Through 50 in opposition to [17-1] motion to Certify Class by Ralene Petrovich, David Sabel (Blue,A.) (Entered: 05/01/1998)
05/01/1998	24	Call of the Calendar held Discovery cutoff 9/27/98 ; Dispositive Motions due 6/27/98 ; Filing of Trial Memorandum by 11/7/98 ( RNC) (Kunofsky, L.) (Entered: 05/01/1998)
05/04/1998	25	ORDER of referral to Mag. Judge Donna F. Martinez for settlement conference (signed by Judge Robert N. Chatigny ) (Blue,A.) (Entered: 05/04/1998)
05/11/1998	26	ORDER to Submit Joint Mediation Report ( signed by Mag. Judge Donna F. Martinez ) (Brown, S.) (Entered: 05/13/1998)
05/26/1998	27	Calendar and Order re: Settlement Conference to be held 7/14/98 @ 10:00 ( signed by Mag. Judge Donna F. Martinez ) (Jefferson, V.) (Entered: 05/27/1998)
06/04/1998	28	ORDER to Submit Joint Mediation Report: Parties shall submit a joint mediation report by no later than 6/18/98 ( signed by Mag. Judge Donna F. Martinez ) (Depino, F.) (Entered: 06/05/1998)
07/14/1998	29	Settlement Conference held ( DFM) (Former Employee) (Entered: 07/15/1998)
08/06/1998	30	ORDER FOR STATUS REPORT ON SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS, setting Status Report deadline to 8/17/98 ( signed by Mag. Judge Donna F. Martinez ) (Former Employee) (Entered: 08/07/1998)
09/01/1998	31	Status Conference held ( DFM) (Former Employee) (Entered: 09/01/1998)
09/23/1998		ENDORSEMENT withdrawing [10-1] motion to Dismiss counts 1 &2, without prejudice to refileing in the event that settlement negotiations fail ( signed by Judge Robert N. Chatigny ) (Blue,A.) (Entered: 09/23/1998)
09/25/1998	32	ORDER re: case reported settled ( signed by Judge Robert N. Chatigny ) (Blue,A.) (Entered: 09/28/1998)
09/25/1998		Case closed (Blue,A.) (Entered: 09/28/1998)
10/27/1998	33	MOTION by David Sabel, Ralene Petrovich to Reopen case (Blue,A.) (Entered: 10/27/1998)
10/28/1998	34	ORDER referring: [33-1] motion to Reopen case referred to Mag. Judge Donna F. Martinez (signed by Judge Robert N. Chatigny ) (Blue,A.) (Entered: 10/28/1998)
12/21/1998	35	MOTION by David Sabel, Ralene Petrovich, Danbury Pub School, Timothy Connors, John Goetz, John Eriquez, Joseph Noto, Kathleen Matusziak, Does 1 Through 50 for Approval of Consent Decree (Brief Due 1/11/99 ) (Blue,A.) (Entered: 12/22/1998)
12/30/1998		ENDORSEMENT granting [35-1] motion for Approval of Consent Decree ( signed by Judge Robert N. Chatigny ) (Blue,A.) (Entered: 12/31/1998)
12/30/1998	36	JUDGMENT for David Sabel, Ralene Petrovich against Danbury Public School, Timothy Connors, John Goetz, John Eriquez, Joseph Noto, Kathleen Matusziak, Does 1 Through 50 in the amount of \$70,000 ( by Judge Robert N. Chatigny ) (Blue,A.) (Entered: 12/31/1998)