

THE SMALLER CLAIMS COURT
CLOUDHACKS JURY DIVISION

DOCKET NO. PC-2026-0009

COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE

Ada Mendel

PLAINTIFF

- against -

Grace Okonkwo

DEFENDANT

FILED

September 7, 2026

ORDERED

September 7, 2026

EXHIBITS

NONE

RELIEF SOUGHT

UNSPECIFIED

FINDINGS, OPINION AND ORDER

Mendel v. Okonkwo, 501 Petty 45 (2023)

I. STATEMENT OF CLAIM

On the evening of the 14th the defendant ate my pad thai. The container was labelled with my name and the date, in permanent marker, in capitals. When confronted the defendant said the label "must have fallen off". The label was still on the container, in the bin, under the defendant's fork.

II. OPINION OF THE COURT

In analogous cases, such as Latham v. Misdirected Snacks, 409 Petty 32 (2018), the court has consistently held the party in possession of the disputed item is liable unless proven otherwise. The defendant's claim that the label 'must have fallen off' is negated by its presence under the defendant's own fork, a fact not rebutted. The court finds the defendant's defense both implausible and unsupported.

III. DISPOSITION

The judgment is for the plaintiff, Ada Mendel.

DAMAGES AND OBLIGATIONS AWARDED

The defendant, Grace Okonkwo, shall replace the pad thai and draft a 100-word reflective essay on proper office lunch etiquette, submitted within 48 hours.

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This ruling is final and non-appealable, unless you ask really nicely.

Hon. Ruth Calloway

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Judge, Smaller Claims Court

Entered September 7, 2026



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is available at <https://smallerclaimscourt.vercel.app/case/4w59jibr>