

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT

SUMMARY ORDER

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At a stated term of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, held at the Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse, 40 Foley Square, in the City of New York, on the 31st day of May, two thousand nineteen.

PRESENT: GERARD E. LYNCH,
RAYMOND J. LOHIER, JR.,
Circuit Judges,
BRIAN M. COGAN,*
District Judge.

PAOLA BEZEK,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

No. 18-1904-cv

NBC UNIVERSAL, NBC SPORTS GROUP,

Defendants-Appellees.

FOR PLAINTIFF-APPELLANT:

PAOLA BEZEK, *pro se*, Stamford,
CT.

* Judge Brian M. Cogan, of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, sitting by designation.

1 FOR DEFENDANTS-APPELLEES:

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Rosenberg, *on the brief*), Littler
Mendelson, P.C., New Haven,
CT.

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6 Appeal from a judgment of the United States District Court for the District
7 of Connecticut (Janet C. Hall, *Chief Judge*).

8 UPON DUE CONSIDERATION, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED,
9 AND DECREED that the judgment of the District Court is AFFIRMED.

10 Paola Bezek appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Hall, C.I.)
11 granting motions filed by NBC Universal and NBC Sports Group (collectively
12 “NBC”) to compel arbitration and to confirm a final arbitration award, and
13 denying Bezek’s motions to vacate the arbitral award and to amend her
14 complaint. Bezek, through counsel, filed a complaint with the Connecticut
15 Human Rights Office and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
16 alleging that NBC discriminated against her on the basis of sex and her status as
17 a victim of domestic violence and also retaliated against her. After her counsel
18 initiated arbitration proceedings, Bezek, then proceeding pro se, refused to
19 continue with arbitration and filed a complaint in the District Court making the
20 same allegations of discrimination under federal and Connecticut law. We
21 assume the parties’ familiarity with the underlying facts and the record of prior

proceedings, to which we refer only as necessary to explain our decision to affirm.

Upon careful review of the record on appeal, including the District Court's factual findings and legal conclusions, we affirm the judgment substantially for the reasons stated by the District Court in its thorough May 23, 2018 opinion.¹

See Certain Underwriting Members of Lloyds of London v. Fla., Dep't of Fin. Servs., 892 F.3d 501, 505–07 (2d Cir. 2018).

We have considered Bezek's arguments and conclude that they are without merit. For the foregoing reasons, the judgment of the District Court is AFFIRMED.

FOR THE COURT:

Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe, Clerk of Court

¹ Bezek does not purport to sue on behalf of a class and does not argue that individual Title VII claims cannot be subject to mandatory arbitration. See Parisi v. Goldman, Sachs & Co., 710 F.3d 483, 487–88 (2d Cir. 2013).