

Hale's suit over law license is dismissed

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A federal judge Tuesday dismissed a lawsuit by white supremacist Matthew Hale challenging Illinois' decision to deny him a law license.

U.S. District Judge John W. Darrah ruled the Illinois Supreme Court is the final decision-maker concerning admission to the Illinois Bar.

In 1999, the state Supreme Court refused to review the decision by the state's Committee on Character and Fitness denying a law license to Hale of East Peoria.

The committee had found that Hale's racist views would prevent him from fulfilling a lawyer's duty not to discriminate against litigants, jurors and witnesses for reasons of race, religion or national origin.

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