

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION
ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Subject: Litigation

March 2014

NEW CASES

No new cases to report this month.

CASE UPDATES

Lindsay Franson, v The Regents of the University of Michigan and Dr. Eugene Chen. Genesee County Circuit Court. (Judge Judith Fullerton) (Served March 25, 2013).

Plaintiff was a Research Technologist for the Cardiology department in Internal Medicine. She alleges she was terminated after she reported violations of laws and regulations concerning the operation of a lab or research facility and after she participated in an investigation by OSHA or hazmat inspectors. Plaintiff's claims include Whistleblower Protection Act violations and Discrimination in violation of the Elliott Larsen Civil Rights Act. Plaintiff claims she has suffered extreme emotional distress and mental anguish, anxiety and embarrassment, worry, humiliation, insulted honor and mortification, damage to her professional reputation, loss of salary, benefits, and future income. She seeks damages in excess of \$25,000, together with interest, costs, and attorney's fees. On February 28, 2014, Defendants filed a Motion for Partial Summary Disposition of plaintiff's whistleblower claim.

CASE RESOLUTIONS

No case resolutions to report this month.

Respectfully submitted,



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