

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION
ITEM FOR INFORMATION

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Subject: Litigation

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NEW CASES

There are no new cases this month.

RESOLUTIONS

Robert Mullen and Associates v Regents of the University of Michigan. Michigan Court of Claims. (Judge Paula J.M. Manderfield) (Served February 10, 2009).

Plaintiff was retained to provide legal services to a client who had been in a motorcycle accident and was subsequently treated at the University Medical Center. Plaintiff claims that various representatives of the University contacted the firm to discuss the processing of the personal protection insurance ("PIP") claim on behalf of his client but subsequently refused to recognize Plaintiff's attorney's lien on the PIP benefit insurance proceeds issued by the insurance company. Plaintiff asks the court to enter an Order enforcing the attorney's lien as well as exemplary and treble damages, including attorney fees, costs and interest. Settlement was reached between the parties and the case is dismissed.

CASE UPDATES


Angela Pantazatos v Regents of the University of Michigan. United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan. (Filed September 11, 2008); re-filed Washtenaw County Circuit Court (October 28, 2008) (Judge Melinda Morris).

Plaintiff was employed by the University as an architect until her retirement in 2007. She claims in her lawsuit that she was discriminated against because of her age and retaliated against for having previously filed a grievance against her supervisor alleging gender, age and national origin discrimination. Ms. Pantazatos claims that, because of the continuing discrimination, she had no alternative than to submit her request for retirement. Her allegations include violations of the Elliott Larsen Civil Rights Act and she seeks compensation, costs, interest and attorney's fees. Plaintiff dismissed her federal case and re-filed her complaint in state court, claiming discrimination and retaliation. The University filed a motion for summary judgment.

Henrietta Platt v University of Michigan. United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan.
(Judge Avern Cohn) (Served April 6, 2009).

Ms. Platt claims that she was discriminated against and harassed as an employee based on her race and disability. She also alleges that she was retaliated against after she filed a grievance and was discharged. The University filed a motion to dismiss, which was heard by the Magistrate. Several counts of Plaintiff's complaint were dismissed and she was ordered to file an amended complaint on the remaining counts.

Respectfully submitted,



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