

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION
ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Subject: Litigation

June 2012

NEW CASES

Justin Reiser v University of Michigan. Michigan Court of Claims. (Judge Rosemarie E. Aquilina)
(Filed May 3, 2012).

Plaintiff claims that, while in a parking structure at the Hospital, he slipped on a wet floor and wrenched his knee and hip. He alleges that, as a result of that fall, he suffered serious injuries. He seeks damages in excess of \$25,000, costs, interest and attorney fees.

VetGen LLC, Regents of the University of Michigan and Trustees of Michigan State University v Molecular Diagnostic Laboratories LLC and VetNostic Laboratories. United States District Court, Eastern District. (Judge Bernard Friedman) (Filed May 15, 2012).

The University of Michigan co-owns a family of patents with Michigan State University that relate to testing for a particular genetic defect in dogs. In 1994, the University and MSU licensed their rights to an Ann Arbor startup company, VetGen LLC, which is still the universities' licensee. VetGen and the university co-plaintiffs claim that Molecular Diagnostic Laboratories LLC of Hamilton, NJ and its VetNostic Laboratories subsidiary is infringing one or more patents, and this infringement seems to be taking a significant portion of VetGen's testing business. VetGen seeks an injunction to stop the infringement, as well as royalties and damages permitted by the patent statute.

RESOLUTIONS

Stephen C. Tripodi v Board of Regents for the University of Michigan, United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan. (Judge Bernard A. Friedman) (Filed December 6, 2011).

Plaintiff was a student at the University of Michigan-Flint in Fall 2007. Plaintiff alleges the University took certain actions that limited his ability to attend class and succeed academically based on his gender and in violation of Title IX of the Civil Rights Act. Plaintiff claims he has suffered emotional distress, stress, anxiety, academic ruin, and financial duress. Plaintiff seeks damages in excess of \$8 million. Judge Friedman dismissed the complaint, finding that the Plaintiff failed to state a claim on which relief may be granted and failed to file his complaint within the three-year statute of limitations period.

Respectfully submitted,



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