

CIVIL COVER SHEET

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

DEFENDANTS

VECTA, A DIVISION OF STEELCASE INC.

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff

(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

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County of Residence of First Listed Defendant

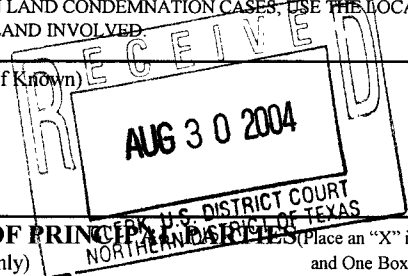
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE LAND INVOLVED.

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II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
- 2 U.S. Government Defendant
- 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
- 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

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IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

CONTRACT	TORTS		FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
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REAL PROPERTY	CIVIL RIGHTS	PRISONER PETITIONS	LABOR	SOCIAL SECURITY	FEDERAL TAX SUITS
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V. ORIGIN (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

- 1 Original Proceeding
- 2 Removed from State Court
- 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
- 4 Reinstated or Reopened
- 5 Transferred from another district (specify)
- 6 Multidistrict Litigation
- 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

(Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write brief statement of cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.)

This cause of action is brought pursuant to Title VII of Civil Rights Act of 1964, amended, and Title I of Civil Rights Act of 1991 to correct unlawful employment practices on the basis of sex and to provide appropriate relief to Carmen Dean who was subjected to a sexually hostile work environment

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23 DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint: JURY DEMAND: Yes No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions):

JUDGE _____ DOCKET NUMBER _____

DATE 8-30-04

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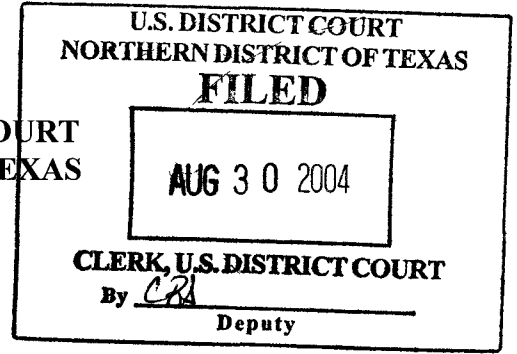
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION



EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

VECTA, A DIVISION OF STEELCASE INC.,

Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION NO.

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COMPLAINT

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

NATURE OF THE ACTION

This is an action under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and Title I of the Civil Rights Act of 1991 to correct unlawful employment practices on the basis of sex and to provide appropriate relief to Carmen Dean who was subjected to a sexually hostile work environment. The Commission further alleges that the Defendant, VECTA, a Division of /Steel Case, Inc., (here after referred to as "VECTA/Steel Case") retaliated against Ms. Dean by terminating her because of her opposition to employment practices she believed to be unlawful.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. Jurisdiction of this Court is invoked pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 451, 1331, 1337, 1343, and 1345. This action is authorized and instituted pursuant to Section 706(f)(1) and (3) of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, ("Title VII"), 42 U.S.C § 2000e-5(f)(1) and (3), and Section 102 of the Civil Rights Act of 1991, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1981a.

2. The employment practices alleged to be unlawful were and are now being committed

within the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division.

PARTIES

3. Plaintiff, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (the "Commission"), is an agency of the United States of America charged with the administration, interpretation and enforcement of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended and is expressly authorized to bring this action by Section 706(a) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-5(a).

4. At all relevant times, Defendant, VECTA/Steel Case, has continuously been and is now doing business in the State of Texas and has continuously had at least fifteen employees.

5. At all relevant times, Defendant, VECTA/Steel Case, has continuously been an employer engaged in an industry affecting commerce under Section 701(b), (g) and (h) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. §2000e-(b), (g) and (h).

STATEMENT OF CLAIMS

6. More than thirty days prior to the institution of this lawsuit, Carmen Dean filed a charge with the Commission alleging violations of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, by the Defendant, VECTA/Steel Case. All conditions precedent to the institution of this lawsuit have been fulfilled.

7. During the employment of Carmen Dean, the Defendant has engaged in unlawful employment practices in violation of Section 703(a)(1) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-2(a)(1) by subjecting Dean to a sexually hostile work environment. Specifically, VECTA/Steel Case subjected Dean to a sexually hostile work atmosphere in that she was constantly and repeatedly subjected to unwelcome and offensive, sexually explicit remarks and touching.

8. On or about October of 2002, Defendant retaliated against Ms. Dean in violation of Section 704(a) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. Section 2000e-3. Specifically, Defendant terminated Ms. Dean because she complained about the discriminatory treatment she was receiving by the President of VECTA, Robert Beck.

9. The result of the foregoing practices has been to deprive Carmen Dean of equal employment opportunities because of her sex and due to retaliatory treatment.

10. The unlawful employment practices complained of in paragraphs 7 and 8 above were intentional.

11. The unlawful employment practices complained of in paragraphs 7 and 8 above were done with malice or with reckless indifference to the federally protected rights of Carmen Dean.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, the Commission respectfully requests that this Court:

A. Grant a permanent injunction enjoining the Defendant, VECTA/Steel Case, its officers, successors, assigns, and all persons in active concert or participation with it, from engaging in any employment practice which condones or encourages sexual harassment and enjoin any further retaliatory treatment for employees who oppose unlawful employment practices.

B. Order the Defendant to institute and carry out policies, practices, and programs which provide equal employment opportunities and a non-hostile work environment for all employees which eradicate the effects of its past and present unlawful employment practices.

C. Order the Defendant to make whole Carmen Dean by providing appropriate back pay with prejudgment interest in amounts to be determined at trial, pecuniary losses, compensatory damages including out-of-pocket expenses, and other affirmative relief necessary to eradicate the

effects of its unlawful employment practices.

D. Order the Defendant to make Carmen Dean whole by providing compensation for past and future pecuniary losses resulting from the unlawful employment practices described in paragraphs 7 and 8 above.

E. Order the Defendant to make Carmen Dean whole by providing compensation for past and future nonpecuniary losses resulting from the unlawful employment practices described in paragraphs 7 and 8 above, including but not limited to, pain and suffering, humiliation, embarrassment, emotional distress, anxiety, and loss of enjoyment of life, in amounts to be determined at trial.

F. Order the Defendant to pay Carmen Dean punitive for its intentional conduct or reckless indifference described and referenced in paragraphs 7 and 8 above, in an amount to be determined at trial.

G. Grant such further relief as the Court deems necessary and proper in the public interest.

H. Award the Commission its costs in this action.

JURY TRIAL DEMAND

The Commission requests a jury trial on all questions of fact raised by its Complaint.

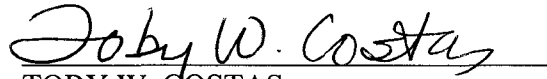
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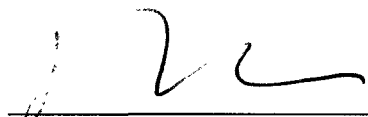


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true copy of the foregoing has been served on all counsel of record for the Defendant at the address below via United States first class mail, postage prepaid, on this the 30 day of Aug, 2004.



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