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# **U.S. District Court** Middle District of Florida (Ft. Myers) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 2:05-cv-00460-JES-SPC

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission v. Gargiulo, Inc.

Assigned to: Judge John E. Steele

Referred to: Magistrate Judge Sheri Polster Chappell

Cause: 42:2000e Job Discrimination (Employment)

Date Filed: 09/29/2005

Date Terminated: 01/23/2007

Jury Demand: Plaintiff

Nature of Suit: 442 Civil Rights: Jobs Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Plaintiff

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text	
09/29/2005	1	COMPLAINT against Gargiulo, Inc.; jury demand; injunctive relief sought, filed by Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.(slu) (Entered: 10/03/2005)	
10/03/2005		Summons issued as to Gargiulo, Inc (slu) (Entered: 10/03/2005)	
10/04/2005	2	RELATED CASE ORDER AND NOTICE of designation under Local Rule 3.03 - track 2. Notice of pendency of other actions due by 10/17/2005.Signed by Judg Sheri Polster Chappell on 10/4/2005. (LAG, ) (Entered: 10/04/2005)	
10/04/2005	3	INTERESTED PERSONS ORDER Certificate of interested persons and corporate disclosure statement due by 10/17/2005.Signed by Judge John E. Steele on 10/4/2005. (LAG, ) (Entered: 10/04/2005)	
10/14/2005	4	NOTICE of pendency of other actions re <u>2</u> order of compliance to Local Rule by Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Related case(s): no (Lewis,	

		Muslima) (Entered: 10/14/2005)			
10/14/2005	<u>5</u>	CERTIFICATE of interested persons and corporate disclosure statement re <u>3</u> Interested persons order by Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. (Lewis, Muslima) (Entered: 10/14/2005)			
11/18/2005	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of unavailability of counsel by Gargiulo, Inc. from December 19, 2005 to December 28, 2005. (Hultman, Lorraine) (Entered: 11/18/2005)			
11/21/2005	9	RETURN of service executed on 11/3/05 by Equal Employment Opportunity Commission as to Gargiulo, Inc. (kma) (Entered: 11/25/2005)			
11/23/2005	7	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply by Gargiulo, Inc (Hultman, Lorraine) (Entered: 11/23/2005)			
11/25/2005	8	ORDER granting 7 the Defendant's Unopposed Motion to Enlarge Time. The Defendants shall have up to and including DECEMBER 2, 2005 to answer or otherwise plead to the Plaintiff's Complaint. Signed by Judge Sheri Polster Chappell on 11/25/2005. (lmh, ) (Entered: 11/25/2005)			
11/25/2005	<u>10</u>	INTERESTED PERSONS ORDER Certificate of interested persons and corporate disclosure statement due by 12/6/2005. Signed by Judge John E. Steel on 11/25/2005. (LAG, ) (Entered: 11/25/2005)			
12/02/2005	<u>11</u>	MOTION to dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint and Supporting Memorandum of Laby Gargiulo, Inc (Hultman, Lorraine) (Entered: 12/02/2005)			
12/03/2005	<u>12</u>	Unopposed MOTION to intervene <i>and Incorporated Memorandum of Law</i> by Viergela Jean-Francois, Changolia Julien, Solange Marcelin, Carmelia Pierre, Loundy Saint-Hilaire. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit Complaint in Intervention)(Ramirez, Monica) (Entered: 12/03/2005)			
12/03/2005	<u>13</u>	NOTICE by Viergela Jean-Francois, Changolia Julien, Solange Marcelin, Carmelia Pierre, Loundy Saint-Hilaire <i>to Amend Certificate of Service</i> (Ramire Monica) (Entered: 12/03/2005)			
12/05/2005	<u>14</u>	NOTICE of pendency of other actions re order of compliance to Local Rule by Gargiulo, Inc. Related case(s): no (Hultman, Lorraine) (Entered: 12/05/2005)			
12/05/2005	<u>15</u>	CERTIFICATE of interested persons and corporate disclosure statement by Gargiulo, Inc (Hultman, Lorraine) (Entered: 12/05/2005)			
12/08/2005	<u>16</u>	ORDER granting 12 the Intervenors Viergela Jean-Francois, Changolia Julien, Carmelia Pierre, Loundy Saint-Hilaire, and Solange Marcelin's Unopposed Motion to Intervene. The Clerk is directed to enter Viergela Jean-Francois, Changolia Julien, Carmelia Pierre, Loundy Saint-Hilaire, and Solange Marcelin as party Plaintiffs to the instant action and have the case caption revised to reflect their new status in this case. Signed by Judge Sheri Polster Chappell on 12/8/2005. (lmh, ) (Entered: 12/08/2005)			
12/19/2005	<u>17</u>	MEMORANDUM in opposition re 11 Motion to dismiss filed by Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. (Lewis, Muslima) (Entered: 12/19/2005)			
01/06/2006	<u>18</u>	CERTIFICATE of interested persons and corporate disclosure statement by Changolia Julien, Solange Marcelin, Carmelia Pierre, Loundy Saint-Hilaire. (Ramirez, Monica) (Entered: 01/06/2006)			

01/06/2006	<u>19</u>	NOTICE of pendency of other actions re order of compliance to Local Rule by Changolia Julien, Solange Marcelin, Carmelia Pierre, Loundy Saint-Hilaire Related case(s): No (Ramirez, Monica) (Entered: 01/06/2006)			
01/09/2006	<u>20</u>	MOTION to dismiss Plaintiff's Intervenor's Complaint <i>or For More Definite Statement and Supporting Memorandum of Law</i> by Gargiulo, Inc (Hultman, Lorraine) (Entered: 01/09/2006)			
01/11/2006	<u>21</u>	NOTICE by Viergela Jean-Francois, Changolia Julien, Solange Marcelin, Carmelia Pierre, Loundy Saint-Hilaire <i>of Filing Complaint</i> (Ramirez, Monica) (Entered: 01/11/2006)			
01/11/2006	<u>22</u>	Joint INTERVENOR'S COMPLAINT, filed by Changolia Julien, Solange Marcelin, Carmelia Pierre, Loundy Saint-Hilaire.(Ramirez, Monica) (Entered: 01/11/2006)			
01/18/2006	23	MOTION to dismiss Complaint in Intervention <i>or for More Definite Statement</i> and Supporting Memorandum of Law by Gargiulo, Inc (Hultman, Lorraine) (Entered: 01/18/2006)			
01/23/2006	<u>24</u>	AMENDED COMPLAINT <i>In Intervention For Damages and Injunctive Relief</i> against Gargiulo, Inc., filed by Changolia Julien, Solange Marcelin, Carmelia Pierre, Loundy Saint-Hilaire.(Ramirez, Monica) (Entered: 01/23/2006)			
01/24/2006	<u>25</u>	ORDER terminating as moot <u>20</u> defendant's Motion to Dismiss because the motion was prematurely filed; and denying as moot <u>23</u> defendant's Motion to Dismiss due to plaintiff intervenors' amended pleading. (See Order for detail Signed by Judge John E. Steele on 1/24/2006. (ATZ) (Entered: 01/24/2006)			
01/27/2006	<u>26</u>	NOTICE of change of address by Monica Ann Ramirez (Ramirez, Monica) (Entered: 01/27/2006)			
02/03/2006	<u>27</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Jason L. Gunter on behalf of Viergela Jean-Francois (Gunter, Jason) (Entered: 02/03/2006)			
02/06/2006	<u>28</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Appear Telephonically <i>at Case Management Conference</i> by Gargiulo, Inc (Hultman, Lorraine) (Entered: 02/06/2006)			
02/06/2006	<u>29</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Appear Telephonically to Conduct Case Management Conference by all plaintiffs. (Lewis, Muslima) (Entered: 02/06/2006)			
02/06/2006	<u>30</u>	CERTIFICATE of interested persons and corporate disclosure statement <i>Amended</i> by Changolia Julien, Solange Marcelin, Carmelia Pierre, Loundy Saint-Hilaire. (Ramirez, Monica) (Entered: 02/06/2006)			
02/07/2006	<u>31</u>	CERTIFICATE of interested persons and corporate disclosure statement by Viergela Jean-Francois. (Gunter, Jason) (Entered: 02/07/2006)			
02/07/2006	<u>32</u>	NOTICE of pendency of other actions re order of compliance to Local Rule by Viergela Jean-Francois Related case(s): No (Gunter, Jason) (Entered: 02/07/2006)			
02/07/2006	<u>33</u>	Defendant's ANSWER to amended complaint in Intervention for Damages and Injunctive Relief by Gargiulo, Inc(Hultman, Lorraine) (Entered: 02/07/2006)			

02/08/2006	34	ORDER granting <u>28</u> the Defendant, Garguilo, Inc.'s Unopposed Motion to Attend Case Management Conference by Telephone. The Plaintiff and Plaintiff-Intervenors' Unopposed Motion to Conduct Case Management Conference Telephonically <u>29</u> is GRANTED. Signed by Judge Sheri Polster Chappell on 2/8/2006. (lmh, ) (Entered: 02/08/2006)			
02/09/2006	<u>35</u>	CASE MANAGEMENT REPORT. (Ramirez, Monica) (Entered: 02/09/2006)			
02/22/2006	<u>36</u>	CASE MANAGEMENT AND SCHEDULING ORDER. Signed by Judge Sheri Polster Chappell on 2/22/2006. (LAG, ) (Entered: 02/22/2006)			
03/06/2006	<u>37</u>	NOTICE by Equal Employment Opportunity Commission of Selection of a Mediator (Brown, Jennifer) (Entered: 03/06/2006)			
03/13/2006	<u>38</u>	APPEARANCE of non-resident counsel and designation of local counsel by Gregory Scott Schell on behalf of Changolia Julien, Solange Marcelin, Carmelia Pierre, Loundy Saint-Hilaire. Local Counsel: Gregory S. Schell. Non-Resident Counsel: Rhonda Brownstein. (Schell, Gregory) (Entered: 03/13/2006)			
03/14/2006	<u>39</u>	ORDER granting the Appearance of Non-Resident Attorney 38. Rhonda Brownstein, Esq., of the Southern Poverty Law Center, 400 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36104, shall be admitted pro hac vice on behalf of the Plaintiffs-Intervenors Julien, Marcelin, Pierre and Saine-Hilaire. Signed by Judge theri Polster Chappell on 3/14/2006. (lmh,) (Entered: 03/14/2006)			
03/22/2006	<u>40</u>	OPINION AND ORDER granting in part and denying in part <u>11</u> Motion to dismiss. The Court dismisses the Complaint without prejudice and plaintiff may amend its Complaint within 11 days of this Opinion and Order. Signed by Judge John E. Steele on 3/22/2006. (RKM) (Entered: 03/22/2006)			
03/29/2006	41	MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Amended Complaint And Notice Regarding Court's Opinion and Order</i> by Equal Employment Opportunity  Commission. (Von Greiff, Carla) (Entered: 03/29/2006)			
03/30/2006	<u>42</u>	ORDER granting 41 the Plaintiff EEOC's Motion for a Three (3) Week Extension of Time Until April 24, 2006 Within Which to File Its Amended Complaint and Notice Regarding Court's Opinion and Order. Signed by Judge Sheri Polster Chappell on 3/30/2006. (lmh, ) (Entered: 03/30/2006)			
03/31/2006	43	RESPONSE in opposition re <u>41</u> MOTION for Extension of Time to File Amended Complaint And Notice Regarding Court's Opinion and Order and Request that Court Amend Its Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion filed by Gargiulo, Inc (Hultman, Lorraine) (Entered: 03/31/2006)			
04/03/2006	<u>44</u>	NOTICE by Equal Employment Opportunity Commission of Substitution of Counsel (Von Greiff, Carla) (Entered: 04/03/2006)			
04/05/2006	<u>45</u>	CERTIFICATE of interested persons and corporate disclosure statement <i>Amended</i> by Changolia Julien, Solange Marcelin, Carmelia Pierre, Loundy Saint-Hilaire. (Ramirez, Monica) (Entered: 04/05/2006)			
04/10/2006	<u>46</u>	NOTICE of unavailability of counsel by Gargiulo, Inc. from June 13, 2006 to June 22, 2006. (Hultman, Lorraine) (Entered: 04/10/2006)			

04/24/2006	<u>47</u>	AMENDED COMPLAINT against Gargiulo, Inc., filed by Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.(Von Greiff, Carla) (Entered: 04/24/2006)			
04/24/2006	<u>48</u>	MOTION for clarification and/or Reconsideration Regarding Certain Portions of the Court's March 22, 2006 Opinion and Order by Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. (Von Greiff, Carla) (Entered: 04/24/2006)			
05/05/2006	<u>49</u>	ANSWER to amended complaint <i>of Plaintiff EEOC</i> by Gargiulo, Inc(Hultman, Lorraine) (Entered: 05/05/2006)			
06/12/2006	<u>50</u>	ORDER directing defendant to file a response to <u>48</u> Plaintiff's Motion for Clarification and/or Reconsideration within TEN (10) DAYS of this Order. If no response is received, the Court will rule on the pending motion without the benefit of a response and without further notice. (See Order for details). Signed by Judge John E. Steele on 6/12/2006. (ATZ) (Entered: 06/12/2006)			
06/13/2006	<u>51</u>	RESPONSE to motion re <u>48</u> MOTION for clarification <i>and/or Reconsideration</i> Regarding Certain Portions of the Court's March 22, 2006 Opinion and Order filed by Gargiulo, Inc (Hultman, Lorraine) (Entered: 06/13/2006)			
06/21/2006	<u>52</u>	APPEARANCE of non-resident counsel and designation of local counsel by Monica Ann Ramirez on behalf of Changolia Julien, Solange Marcelin, Carmelia Pierre, Loundy Saint-Hilaire. Local Counsel: Gregory S. Schell. Non-Resident Counsel: Mary Catherine Bauer. (Ramirez, Monica) (Entered: 06/21/2006)			
06/22/2006	<u>53</u>	ORDER granting the Motion to Appear Pro Hac Vice. See Order for Details. Signed by Judge Sheri Polster Chappell on 6/22/2006. (lmh, ) (Entered: 06/22/2006)			
07/25/2006	<u>54</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Monica Ann Ramirez on behalf of Viergela Jean-Francois (Ramirez, Monica) (Entered: 07/25/2006)			
07/25/2006	<u>55</u>	CERTIFICATE of interested persons and corporate disclosure statement re <u>45</u> Certificate of interested persons and corporate disclosure statement <i>Amended</i> by Viergela Jean-Francois, Changolia Julien, Solange Marcelin, Carmelia Pierre, Loundy Saint-Hilaire. (Ramirez, Monica) (Entered: 07/25/2006)			
07/25/2006	<u>56</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Monica Ann Ramirez on behalf of Viergela Jean-Francois, Changolia Julien, Solange Marcelin, Carmelia Pierre, Loundy Saint-Hilaire (Ramirez, Monica) (Entered: 07/25/2006)			
08/03/2006	<u>57</u>	ORDER denying 48 Plaintiff EEOC's Motion for Clarification and/or Reconsideration Regarding Certain Portions of the Court's March 22, 2006 Opinion and Order Granting and Denying in Part Defendant's Motion to Dismiss EEOC's Complaint. See Order for details. Signed by Judge John E. Steele on 8/3/2006. (ATZ) (Entered: 08/03/2006)			
10/12/2006	<u>58</u>	Joint MOTION to quash Or Modify Subpoenas Duces Tecum <i>by Plaintiff Intervenors And</i> by Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit 1# 2 Exhibit 2# 3 Exhibit 3# 4 Exhibit 4# 5 Exhibit 5# 6 Exhibit 6, R.T. Tampa Franchise Order# 7 Exhibit 7, Dept. of Transportation Order# 8 Exhibit 8, SCI Funeral Services Order# 9 Exhibit 9, American Express Order# 10 Exhibit 10, City Of Waldo Order)(Von Greiff, Carla) (Entered: 10/12/2006)			

10/17/2006	<u>59</u>	ORDER granting in part and denying in part <u>58</u> the Plaintiff United States Equal Opportunity Commission and the Plaintiff Intervenor's Joint Motion to Quash or Modify Subpoenas Duces Tecum. SEE ORDER FOR DETAILS. Signed by Judge Sheri Polster Chappell on 10/17/2006. (lmh, ) (Entered: 10/17/2006)			
11/08/2006	<u>60</u>	NOTICE of unavailability of counsel byEqual Employment Opportunity Commission from December 18, 2006 to January 2, 2007. (Von Greiff, Carla) (Entered: 11/08/2006)			
11/08/2006	<u>61</u>	NOTICE of unavailability of counsel by Gargiulo, Inc. from 12/20/2006 to 01/05/2007. (Hultman, Lorraine) (Entered: 11/08/2006)			
11/13/2006	<u>62</u>	NOTICE by Equal Employment Opportunity Commission of Scheduling Mediation (Von Greiff, Carla) (Entered: 11/13/2006)			
12/04/2006	<u>63</u>	NOTICE by Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Regarding Change of Date and Location of Mediation (Von Greiff, Carla) (Entered: 12/04/2006)			
12/11/2006	<u>64</u>	Joint MOTION to extend time to Designate Expert Witnesses And Exchange Expert Witness Reports by Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. (Von Greiff, Carla) (Entered: 12/11/2006)			
12/13/2006	<u>65</u>	ORDER granting <u>64</u> the Joint Motion to Extend Time to Designate Expert Witnesses and Exchange Expert Witness Reports. The parties shall have up to and including FEBRUARY 8, 2007 to disclose their expert reports. Signed by Judge Sheri Polster Chappell on 12/12/2006. (lmh, ) (Entered: 12/13/2006)			
12/14/2006	<u>66</u>	NOTICE of Mediation by James B. Chaplin. (js) (Entered: 12/15/2006)			
12/18/2006	<u>67</u>	NOTICE of mediation by James B. Chaplin. (js) (Entered: 12/18/2006)			
01/22/2007	<u>68</u>	Joint MOTION Approval of Consent Decree by Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit Consent Decree)(Von Greiff, Carla) (Entered: 01/22/2007)			
01/22/2007	<u>69</u>	ORDER ADOPTING CONSENT DECREE granting 68 Motion for approval of consent decree. The Clerk shall enter judgment adopting the Consent Decree (to be entered contemporaneously with the entry of this Order) with the Court retaining jurisdiction over its enforcement and by attaching a copy of the Consent Decree to said judgment. The Clerk is further directed to close the case and terminate all deadlines as moot. Signed by Judge John E. Steele on 1/22/2007. (RKM) (Entered: 01/22/2007)			
01/22/2007	<u>70</u>	CONSENT DECREE Signed by Judge John E. Steele. (Attachments: #(1) Exhibit A; #(2) Exhibit B)(RKM) (Entered: 01/22/2007)			
01/23/2007	<u>71</u>	JUDGMENT (Signed by Deputy Clerk) (js) (Entered: 01/23/2007)			

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