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26 27 7(b) of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 626(b) (the "ADEA"), which incorporates by reference Sections 16(c) and 17 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (the "FLSA"), as amended, 29 U.S.C. §§216(c) and 217.

2. The employment practices alleged to be unlawful were committed within the jurisdiction of the United States District Court of the District of Nevada.

PARTIES

- Plaintiff, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (the 3. "Commission"), is the agency of the United States of America charged with the administration, interpretation and enforcement of the ADEA and is expressly authorized to bring this action by Section 7(b) of the ADEA, 29 U.S.C. § 626(b), as amended by Section 2 of Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1978, 92 Stat. 3781, and by Public Law 98-532 (1984), 98 Stat. 2705.
- 4. At all relevant times, Defendant has continuously been doing business in the State of Nevada and the City of Las Vegas, and has continuously had at least 20 employees.
- At all relevant times, Defendant has continuously been an employer 5. engaged in an industry affecting commerce within the meaning of Sections 11(b), (g) and (h) of the ADEA, 29 U.S.C. §§ 630(b), (g) and (h).

CONCILIATION

Prior to institution of this lawsuit, the Commission's representatives 6. attempted to eliminate the unlawful employment practices alleged below and to effect voluntary compliance with the ADEA through informal methods of conciliation, conference and persuasion within the meaning of Section 7(b) of the ADEA, 29 U.S.C. § 626(b).

STATEMENT OF CLAIMS

- 7. Since at least 1999 the Defendant engaged in unlawful employment practices in its Las Vegas facility, in violation of 16(c) of the ADEA, 29 U.S.C. § 626(b). These practices include engaging in harassment of Damien because of her age and terminating her because of her age.
- 8. The effect of the practices complained of in paragraph (7) above has been to deprive Constance Damian of equal employment opportunities and otherwise adversely affect her status as an employee, because of her age.
- 9. The unlawful employment practices complained of in paragraphs above were willful within the meaning of Section 7(b) of the ADEA, 29 U.S.C. § 626(b).

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, the Commission respectfully requests that this Court:

- A. Grant a permanent injunction enjoining Defendant, its officers, successors, assigns and all persons in active concert or participation with it, from engaging in age-based harassment and any other employment practice which discriminates on the basis of age against individuals 40 years of age and older.
- B. Order Defendant to institute and carry out policies, practices and programs which provide equal employment opportunities for individuals 40 years of age and older, and which eradicate the effects of its past and present unlawful employment practices.
- C. Grant a judgment requiring Defendant to pay appropriate back wages in an amount to be determined at trial, an equal sum as liquidated damages, and prejudgment interest to Constance Damian.
- D. Order Defendant to make whole Constance Damian, by providing the affirmative relief necessary to eradicate the effects of its unlawful practices, including

but not limited to reinstatement.

- E. Order Defendant to post and keep posted the notices required by Section 8 of the ADEA, 29 U.S.C. § 626(a).
- F. Grant such further relief as the Court deems necessary and proper in the public interest.
 - G. Award the Commission its costs of this action.

JURY TRIAL DEMAND

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

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