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FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
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U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

V.

Case No.

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CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.,

Defendant.

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NATURE OF THE ACTION

This is an action under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq. ("Title VII"), and Title I of the Civil Rights Act of 1991, 42 U.S.C. § 1981a, to correct unlawful employment practices on the basis of race and sex and to provide appropriate relief to Alaini Mustafaa ("Mustafaa" or "Charging Party"), who was adversely affected by such practices. The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC" or "Commission") alleges that Defendant Continental Airlines, Inc. ("Defendant") discriminated against Charging Party on the basis of her race, Black and sex, female, in that she was harassed, not supported by her supervisors, disciplined and demoted, in violation of Title VII.

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 Sections 706(f)(1) and (3) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-5(f)(1) and (3), and pursuant to Section 102 of the Civil Rights Act of

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1991, 42 U.S.C. § 1981a.

2. The employment practices alleged to be unlawful were committed within the jurisdiction of the United States District Court in the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division.

PARTIES

- 3. Plaintiff U.S. 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 and is expressly authorized to bring this action by Sections 706(f)(1) and (3) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-5(f)(1) and (3).
- 4. At all relevant times Defendant Continental Airlines, Inc. ("Defendant") has been and is now an Illinois corporation doing business in the State of Illinois and has continuously had and does now have at least fifteen (15) employees.
- 5. At all relevant times, Defendant has continuously been an employer engaged in an industry affecting commerce within the meaning of Sections 701(b), (g) and (h) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e-5 (b), (g) and (h).

STATEMENT OF CLAIMS

- 6. More than thirty (30) days prior to the institution of this lawsuit, Mustafaa filed a charge with the Commission alleging violations of Title VII by Defendant. All conditions precedent to the institution of this lawsuit have been fulfilled.
- 7. Since at least November 2000, Defendant has engaged in unlawful employment practices at its O'Hare Airport facility in violation of Section 703(a) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-2(a). These practices include, but are not limited to demoting Mustafaa from a Lead Customer Service Agent position back to her previous position of (ordinary) Customer Service

Agent because of her race and sex; and subjecting her to an unlawfully hostile and abusive working environment on the basis of her race and sex.

- 8. The effect of the practices complained of in paragraph 7 has been to deprive Mustafaa of equal employment opportunities and otherwise adversely affect her status as an employee because of her race, Black and sex, female.
- 9. The unlawful employment practices complained of in paragraph 7 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 Mustafaa.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Commission respectfully prays that this Court:

- A. Grant a permanent injunction enjoining Defendant, its officers, management personnel, employees, agents, successors, assigns and all persons in active concert or participation with it, from engaging in any employment practice which discriminates on the basis race or sex.
- B. Order Defendant to institute and carry out policies, practices and programs which provide equal employment opportunities for its employees regardless of race and sex and which eradicate the effects of its past and present unlawful employment practices.
- C. Order Defendant to make whole Mustafaa by providing appropriate back pay with prejudgment interest, in amounts to be determined at trial, and other affirmative relief necessary to eradicate the effects of its unlawful employment practices.
- D. Order Defendant to make whole Mustafaa by providing compensation for pecuniary losses resulting from the unlawful employment practices described in paragraph 7, above, in

amounts to be proved at trial.

- E. Order Defendant to make whole Mustafaa by providing compensation for non-pecuniary losses resulting from the unlawful practices complained of in paragraph 7 above, including pain, suffering, emotional distress, inconvenience and mental anguish, in amounts to be proved at trial.
- F. Order Defendant to pay Mustafaa punitive damages for its malicious and reckless conduct, as described in paragraph 7, in amounts to be proved at trial.
 - G. Grant such further relief as the Court deems necessary and proper.
 - H. Grant the Commission its costs in this action.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

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

Respectfully submitted,

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II. Basis of Jurisdiction:

1. U.S. Gov't Plaintiff

III. Citizenship of Principal Parties (Diversity Cases Only)

> Plaintiff:-N/A Defendant:-N/A

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IV. Origin:

1. Original Proceeding

V. Nature of Suit:

442 Employment

VI.Cause of Action:

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title I of the Civil

Rights Act of 1991 to correct the unlawful employment practices on

the basis of race and sex. VII. Requested in Complaint

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<u>VIII.</u> This case <u>IS NOT</u> a refiling of a previously dismissed case.

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