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U.S. District Court EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA (Western Division) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 5:97-cv-00130-H

Equal Employment v. American National, et al

Assigned to: Judge Malcolm J. Howard

Demand: \$0

Cause: 42:1981 Job Discrimination (Race)

Date Filed: 02/26/1997

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Jury Demand: Both

Nature of Suit: 442 Civil Rights: Jobs

Jurisdiction: Federal Question

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text		
02/26/1997	1	Complaint filed; Job Discrimination - Pltf. req. permanent injunction, compensation, punitive damages and Trial by Jury. (fs) (Entered: 02/28/1997)		
03/19/1997	2	Amended complaint by Equal Employment, adding jury demand; amends [1-1] omplaint (bb) (Entered: 03/20/1997)		
04/07/1997	3	Waiver of Service Returned Executed as to American National 3/19/97 Answer due on 5/18/97 for American National (bb) (Entered: 04/07/1997)		
04/16/1997	4	order reassigning case from Judge Boyle to Judge Howard signed by David Paniel; served. (bb) (Entered: 04/16/1997)		
04/16/1997		Case reassigned to Judge Malcolm J. Howard pursuant to Clerk's order this date; original file forwarded to Greenville Clerk's Office (bb) (Entered: 04/16/1997)		
04/17/1997		Case file received in Greenville. (ll) (Entered: 04/18/1997)		
04/24/1997	5	Amended Waiver of Service Returned Executed as to American National 4/24/97 Answer due on 6/23/97 for American National (dh) (Entered: 04/30/1997)		
04/24/1997	6	Amended Waiver of Service Returned Executed as to Ball-Foster Glass 4/24/97 Answer due on 6/23/97 for Ball-Foster Glass (dh) (Entered: 04/30/1997)		
05/15/1997		Case file to USMJ Dixon for consideration of Motion for Protective Order to be filed in Raleigh today. (ll) (Entered: 05/15/1997)		
05/15/1997	7	Motion by American National, Ball-Foster Glass for permission to file memorandum and exhibits under seal . w/cs and sealed envelope containing memorandum and exhbits Cy. to USMJ Dixon. (ll) Modified on 05/16/1997 (Entered: 05/16/1997)		

05/15/1997	8	Motion by American National, Ball-Foster Glass for protective order and for limited stay of discovery . w/cs. Cy. to USMJ Dixon. (ll) (Entered: 05/16/1997)		
05/15/1997	8	SEALED Memorandum by American National, Ball-Foster Glass in support of [8-1] motion for protective order. (ll) (Entered: 07/08/1997)		
05/19/1997	9	Order - setting hearing on defendants' Motion for Protective Order. Plaintiff will file its response to the motion no later than 12:00 o'clock noon Friday, May 23. The filing will be made in the Raleigh Clerk's Office. Motion hearing before USMJ Wallace W. Dixon set for 2:00 5/27/97 in Raleigh, Sixth Floor Courtroom for [8-1] motion for protective order, set for 2:00 5/27/97 for [8-2] motion for limited stay of discovery signed by Wallace W. Dixon. cys faxed to counsel of record and served by regular mail. cy to Cookie & Carol. (dh) (Entered: 05/20/1997)		
05/23/1997	10	Memorandum by Equal Employment in opposition to [8-1] motion for protective order. w/cs and attachments. (ll) Modified on 07/24/1997 (Entered: 05/29/1997)		
05/23/1997	11	Affidavit of Rosemary J. Fox by Equal Employment Re: [11-1] opposition memorandum. (ll) Modified on 07/24/1997 (Entered: 05/29/1997)		
05/27/1997	12	Notice of attorney appearance for American National by Sharon L. McConnell, Raleigh, N.C. (fdc) Modified on 07/24/1997 (Entered: 05/27/1997)		
05/27/1997		Motion hearing re: [8-1] motion for protective order Motion hearing held before USMJ Wallace W. Dixon in Raleigh. Courtroom Deputy - Jolie Skinner. Counsel for Plaintiff: Rosemary Fox. Counsel for Defendants: Tom Farr, Steve Segebarth & Barry Hartstein. Issues were heard, matter taken under advisement. Written order to follow. Total Hearing Time - 1 1/2 hrs. Hearing Recorded. (dh) (Entered: 05/29/1997)		
06/23/1997	13	Joint Answer to Complaint by American National, Ball-Foster Glass; jury demand (ll) (Entered: 06/26/1997)		
06/23/1997	13	Motion by American National, Ball-Foster Glass to dismiss claims against ANC and Ball-Foster . w/cs. Response due on 7/16/97. (ll) (Entered: 06/26/1997)		
06/25/1997	14			
06/25/1997	15	Memorandum by American National, Ball-Foster Glass in support of [14-1] motion to dismiss. w/cs and attachments. (ll) Modified on 07/24/1997 (Entered: 06/27/1997)		
06/26/1997	16	Request for Discovery Plan: Discovery Plan due by 7/16/97 (ll) Modified on 07/24/1997 (Entered: 06/26/1997)		
07/07/1997	17	Order granting in part, denying in part [8-1] motion for protective orderA currative notice subtantially in the form as outlined in this order will be prepared and mailed to defendants' employees as of April 11, 1996. Defendants will also provide to EEOC their employee roster going back to 1991 and for employees hired since April 1996 in order that the notice in comformance with the directions herein can be mailed to that group. Plaintiff will bear the cost of mailing. To this extent the motion is GRANTED. In all other respects, the motion for a protective		

		order is DENIED. (Mooting [8-2] motion for limited stay of discovery) signed by Wallace W. Dixon, USMJ. Cys. served. (ll) (Entered: 07/08/1997)		
07/14/1997	18	Document filed by defendant American National, defendant Ball-Foster Glass titled: Defendant's Joint Amended Fourth Affirmative Defense. cs. (dh) Modified on 07/24/1997 (Entered: 07/21/1997)		
07/14/1997	19	Memorandum by Equal Employment in opposition to [14-1] motion to dismiss, [13-1] motion to dismiss claims against ANC and Ball-Foster, cs. (Reply due Jul 31, 1997) (dh) Modified on 07/24/1997 (Entered: 07/21/1997)		
07/15/1997	20	Motion for leave to file Amicus Curiae Brief filed by Glass, Molders, Pottery & Allied Workers International Union. w/cs. Response due on 8/7/97. (bb) Modifi on 07/24/1997 (Entered: 07/16/1997)		
07/15/1997	21	Memorandum by Glass, Molders, in support of [20-1] motion for leave to file Amicus Curiae Brief (bb) Modified on 07/24/1997 (Entered: 07/16/1997)		
07/16/1997	22	Discovery Plan filed by Equal Employment, American National, Ball-Foster Glas (dh) (Entered: 07/21/1997)		
07/17/1997	23	Discovery Plan filed by Equal Employment, American National, Ball-Foster Glascy to USMJ Dixon. (dh) (Entered: 07/22/1997)		
07/21/1997		Case submitted to: USMJ Dixon [22-1] discovery submitted. CASE FILE TO USMJ DIXON FOR ENTRY OF SCHEDULING ORDER. (dh) (Entered: 07/21/1997)		
07/21/1997	24	Response by plaintiff Equal Employment to [17-1] order. (ll) (Entered: 07/24/1997)		
07/21/1997	25	Notice of attorney appearance for Equal Employment by David R. Treeter. w/cs. (ll) (Entered: 07/24/1997)		
07/21/1997	26	Joint motion by Equal Employment, American National, Ball-Foster Glass to submit a proposal for a curative letter (as required by the court's order of 7/2/97) to and including 7/25/97. w/cs. Cy. to USMJ Dixon. (ll) (Entered: 07/24/1997)		
07/23/1997	27	Order on Scheduling by Magistrate Wallace W. Dixon setting Discovery cutoff 9/30/98 Deadline for filing of all motions 10/1/98 Jury Trial scheduled for <date not="" set=""> (an early 1999 Western Division setting) before Judge Malcolm J. Howard, USDJ Place: Fayetteville, NC No. of Interrogs. 100 No. of Depositions 50. Cys. served. Cal. cy. (ll) (Entered: 07/24/1997)</date>		
07/23/1997		Oral OrderCourt granted defendants (Thomas Farr) permission to file their response to the Objection (#24) to the motion for protective order to and including 8/1/97. Entered by Malcolm J. Howard, USDJ. (ll) (Entered: 07/24/1997)		
07/25/1997		Letter From: Rosemary J. Fox Re: Curative Mailing as instructed in order of July 7, 1997 by USMJ Dixon. (dh) (Entered: 07/28/1997)		
07/28/1997		Case submitted to: USMJ Dixon [0-0] letter submitted (dh) (Entered: 07/28/1997)		
07/31/1997	28	Order granting [26-1] joint motion to submit a proposal for a curative letter until and including July 25, 1997. cys sreved. signed by Wallace W. Dixon, USMJ. (dh)		

		(Entered: 07/31/1997)		
08/01/1997	29	Response by American National, Ball-Foster Glass in opposition to [24-1] order response. w/cs. (ll) (Entered: 08/06/1997)		
08/04/1997	30	Order - The court has worded the contents of the curative letter for the parties and attached a copy to this order. Plaintiff is directed to prepare and mail the letter to defendants' employees. signed by Wallace W. Dixon, USMJ. Cys. served. (ll) (Entered: 08/06/1997)		
08/11/1997		Case submitted to: Malcolm J. Howard, USDJ [29-1] opposition response submitted, [24-1] order response submitted, [17-1] order submitted for consideration of the objections to Judge Dixon's order of 7/7/97. (ll) (Entered: 08/11/1997)		
08/15/1997		Motion(s) submitted: [20-1] motion for leave to file Amicus Curiae Brief submitted, [14-1] motion to dismiss submitted, [13-1] motion to dismiss claims against ANC and Ball-Foster submitted. Remaining case file and updated docker sheet to Judge Howard. (ll) (Entered: 08/15/1997)		
08/18/1997	31	Document filed by plaintiff Equal Employment titled: Plaintiff EEOC's Reply to Defendants' Response to EEOC's Objections to the Magistrte Judge's Order of July 2, 1997. (dh) (Entered: 08/21/1997)		
11/18/1997	32	Order granting [20-1] motion for leave to file Amicus Curiae Brief, denying [14 motion to dismiss, denying [13-1] motion to dismiss claims against ANC and Ball-Foster signed by Malcolm J. Howard, US Judge. OB Ref: CIV OB# 56, P-cys served 11/18/97. (dh) (Entered: 11/21/1997)		
11/18/1997	33	Document filed by movant Glass, Molders, titled: Memorandum of Law of Amicus Curiae Glass, Molders, Potteryl, Plastics & Allied Workers International Union, AFL-CIO, CLC Concerning Motion to Dismiss For Failure to Join Necessary Parties, or in the Alternative To Join Necessary Parties. cs. (dh) (Entered: 11/21/1997)		
12/03/1997	34	Motion by Equal Employment for reconsideration of [32-1] order, cs. (response due 12/26/97) (dh) (Entered: 12/10/1997)		
12/03/1997	35	Memorandum by Equal Employment in support of [34-1] motion for reconsideration of [32-1] order, cs. (dh) (Entered: 12/10/1997)		
12/16/1997	36	Response by American National, Ball-Foster Glass to [34-1] motion for reconsideration of [32-1] order. w/cs. Reply due on 1/6/98. (ll) (Entered: 12/17/1997)		
01/06/1998		Case file to USMJ Dixon for order setting trial date. (dh) (Entered: 01/06/1998)		
01/12/1998	37	Order setting Jury trial before Judge Malcolm J. Howard for 1/25/99 in Fayetteville, NC signed by Wallace W. Dixon, USMJ. Cys. served. Cal. cy. (ll) (Entered: 01/12/1998)		
01/13/1998		Motion(s) submitted: [34-1] motion for reconsideration of [32-1] order submitted Case file to Judge Howard for consideration. (ll) (Entered: 01/13/1998)		

01/14/1998	38	Order denying [34-1] motion for reconsideration of [32-1] order signed by Malcolm J. Howard, US Judge. cys served. (dh) (Entered: 01/14/1998)		
01/14/1998		Motion(s) referred: referred [7-1] motion for permission to file memorandum and exhibits under seal to USMJ Wallace W. Dixon. CASE FILE TO USMJ DIXON FOR CONSIDERATION. (dh) (Entered: 01/14/1998)		
01/16/1998		Oral Order granting [7-1] motion for permission to file memorandum and exhibunder seal Entered by Wallace W. Dixon, USMJ (dh) (Entered: 01/16/1998)		
01/20/1998		CASE FILE RETURNED from: Judge Dixon's chambers. (ll) (Entered: 01/20/1998)		
03/09/1998	39	Motion by American National, Ball-Foster Glass to extend time to respond to plaintiff's discovery requests . w/cs. Cy. to Clerk. (ll) (Entered: 03/12/1998)		
03/13/1998	40	Order granting [39-1] motion to extend time to respond to plaintiff's discovery requests to and including 4/17/98. signed by David W. Daniel, Clerk. Cys. served. (ll) (Entered: 03/13/1998)		
03/18/1998	41	Motion by Glass, Molders, for protective order staying all discovery relating to the discharge of Leon Herndon on 10/30/96. w/cs. Response due on 4/3/98. (Entered: 03/23/1998)		
03/18/1998	42	Memorandum by Glass, Molders, in support of [41-1] motion for protective order staying all discovery relating to the discharge of Leon Herndon on 10/30/96. w/cs. (ll) (Entered: 03/23/1998)		
03/19/1998	43	Unopposed Motion by American National to extend time to respond to plaintiff's discovery requests . w/cs. Cy. to Clerk. (ll) (Entered: 03/26/1998)		
03/20/1998	44	Order granting [43-1] motion to extend time to respond to plaintiff's discovery requests to and including April 17, 1998. signed by David W. Daniel, Clerk. Cys. served. (ll) (Entered: 03/26/1998)		
03/25/1998	45	Memorandum by Ball-Foster Glass in opposition to [41-1] motion for protective order staying all discovery relating to the discharge of Leon Herndon on 10/30/96, cs. w/attachments. (reply due 4/13/98) (dh) (Entered: 03/27/1998)		
03/26/1998	46	Order denying [41-1] motion for protective order staying all discovery relating the discharge of Leon Herndon on 10/30/96 signed by Wallace W. Dixon, USM cys served by mail & fax on 3/26/98. (dh) Modified on 03/27/1998 (Entered: 03/27/1998)		
05/07/1998	47	Notice of attorney appearance for Equal Employment by Erania Ebron-Fubara, Charlotte, NC. (dh) (Entered: 05/12/1998)		
05/15/1998		Informed by Jonathan R. Harkavy, mediator, that case has settled. Final paperwork within a few weeks. (ll) (Entered: 05/15/1998)		
05/18/1998	48	Joint motion by Equal Employment, American National, Ball-Foster Glass to extend time for discovery deadlines . w/cs. Cy. to USMJ Mason. (ll) (Entered: 05/20/1998)		
05/20/1998		Motion(s) referred: referred [48-1] joint motion to extend time for discovery deadlines to USMJ William N. Mason. Case file to USMJ Mason for		

		consideration. (ll) (Entered: 05/20/1998)	
05/28/1998	49	Order granting [48-1] joint motion to extend time for discovery deadlines, Fact discovery due by August 31, 1998; Expert discovery due by October 30, 1998; Report from retained expert due from Plaintiff by July 30, 1998, and from Defendants by August 31, 1998. reset discovery due for 8/31/98, reset motion filing deadline for 1/2/98 signed by William Norton Mason. cys served. (dh) (Entered: 05/28/1998)	
09/02/1998	50	Joint motion by Equal Employment, American National, Ball-Foster Glass For An Order Provisionally Approving Consent Decree, cs. (dh) (Entered: 09/04/1998)	
09/02/1998	51	Document filed by plaintiff Equal Employment, defendant American National, defendant Ball-Foster Glass titled: Consent Decree w/attachments. (dh) (Entered: 09/04/1998)	
09/04/1998		Motion(s) submitted: [50-1] joint motion For An Order Provisionally Approving Consent Decree submitted. CASE FILE TO JUDGE HOWARD FOR CONSIDERATION. (dh) (Entered: 09/04/1998)	
09/08/1998	52	Order granting [50-1] joint motion For An Order Provisionally Approving Consent Decree. The Consent Decree is PROVISIONALLY APPROVED. Notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, shall be given of this Provisionally Approved Consent Decree by the Commission, to all Black current and former employees, except as provided in Consent Decree. Notice shall be given within 30 days of this Order, on or about the 8th day of October, 1998. Any objections to the Consent Decree must be postmarked to the Clerk's office no later than 60 days from the date of this order, on or about the 7th day of November, 1998. Set miscellaneous hearing before Judge Malcolm J. Howard to 10:00 a.m. on 12/21/98 in Greenville for objections to consent decree signed by Malcolm J. Howard, USDJ. Cys. served. Cal. cy. (ll) (Entered: 09/08/1998)	
10/07/1998	<u>53</u>	Order - the clerk is directed to deposit "Settlement Account" funds tendered by the defendants in the amount of \$275,000.00 in an interest-bearing account. cys served. cy to Financial Clerk. signed by Malcolm J. Howard, US Judge. (dh) (Entered: 10/07/1998)	
10/28/1998	<u>54</u>	Document filed by Sharon Johnson in letter for in objection to settlement of case per court's order of 9/8/98 directing any objections to be filed by Nov. 7, 1998. (dh) (Entered: 10/30/1998)	
11/12/1998	<u>55</u>	Document filed by Darwin J. Cook in letter form objecting to settlement of case per court's order on 9/8/98 directing objections to be filed by 11/7/98. (ll) (Entered: 11/16/1998)	
11/16/1998		Case submitted to: Judge Howard [55-1] objection submitted [54-1] objection submitted for consideration. (II) (Entered: 11/16/1998)	
11/19/1998		CASE FILE RETURNED from: Judge Howard's Chambers - Hold case for hearing on objections to be held on 12/21/98. (ll) Modified on 11/19/1998 (Entered: 11/19/1998)	
12/03/1998		Pre-trial conference set at 10:00 1/7/99 before USMJ Wallace W. Dixon in Raleigh, 5th floor. (dh) (Entered: 12/04/1998)	

12/03/1998		Jury trial set at 10:00 1/25/99 before Judge Malcolm J. Howard in Fayetteville. (dh) (Entered: 12/04/1998)	
12/16/1998		Case submitted to: Judge Howard [52-2] relief submitted. CASE FILE TO JUDGE HOWARD Re: Hearing scheduled for Monday, December 21, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. in G'ville. (dh) (Entered: 12/16/1998)	
12/16/1998	<u>56</u>	Document filed by plaintiff Equal Employment titled: EEOC's Response To Objection to Consent Decre - w/attachments, cs. (dh) (Entered: 12/21/1998)	
12/16/1998	<u>57</u>	Affidavit of Rosemary J. Fox Re: [56-1] document(s) (dh) (Entered: 12/21/1998)	
12/21/1998		Motion hearing re: Hearing on Objections to Consent Decree held in G'ville before Judge Malcolm J. Howard. Courtroom Deputy - D. Heath. Court Reporter - Ken MacKenzie. Counsel present - For the Plaintiff: David R. Treeter, Sr. For the Defendants: Thomas A. Farr & Barry Harstein, Chicago. Court reviews case history and order setting todays hearing. Court notes there is no appearance by any of the objecting parties. Court notes objections filed by employees Sharon Johnson & Darwin J. Cook to the Consent Decree. Mr. Treeter advises the court that a letter was sent to his office by William Hill, but no official objection has been filed with the court. Court notes the filing of the objection by Darwin J. Cook shall be deemed untimely filed. Court accepts argument and theory supplemented by the EEOC and agreed to be the defendants. Plaintiff shall provide the court with a proposed order adopting the Consent Decree. Court adjourned at 10:20 a.m., Sine Die. (dh) (Entered: 12/21/1998)	
01/20/1999	<u>58</u>	Final Order Approving Consent Decree - IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the objections of Sharon Johnson and Darwin Cook are DENIED; "Exhibit A/Schedule 1" to the Consent Decree filed in this matter and attached hereto as "Exhibit A" is finally approved and entered as of the date of this order; The Consent Decree, provisionally approved on September 8, 1998 is fair, adequate and reasonable and is hereby APPROVED. signed by Malcolm J. Howard, USDJ OB Ref: CIV OB #59, p. 47. Cys. served. (ll) (Entered: 01/20/1999)	
01/20/1999		Case closed. Non-permanent. (ll) (Entered: 01/20/1999)	
04/14/1999		(ja) (Entered: 04/14/1999)	
04/14/1999		Case file to Raleigh-60 days up. (ja) (Entered: 04/14/1999)	
04/23/1999	59	Order - Pursuant to the final order approving the consent decree in this matter, filed on January 20, 1999, the United States District Clerk of Court is now ordered to disburse the settlement funds the defendants previously deposited with it. Funds shall be disbursed consistent with Exhibit A/Schedule 1 to the Final Order Approving the Consent Decree. The clerk shall after deducting the registry fee from the accrued interest on the settlement fund and after seven months have passed from the date of issuance of the settlement checks, disburse the remaining balance of the fund to the United Negro College Fund, Corporate Gifts, 8260 Willow Oaks Corporated Drive, Fairfax, VA 22031. cys served, cy to financial clerks. signed by Malcolm J. Howard. (dh) (Entered: 04/23/1999)	
09/22/2000		Letter to counsel to retrieve sealed documents. (dh) (Entered: 09/26/2000)	

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