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Circuit Court of Virginia.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES MADE EQUAL, INC.

v.

NATIONWIDE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, et al.

No. LB-2704-4.

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## Opinion

JOHNSON, J.

Dear Counsel:

The court has plaintiff's motion to reconsider. The motion will be denied.

It is plaintiff's contention that a proper interpretation of [Va.Code § 8.01-382](#) requires a ruling that interest run from the October 1998 jury verdict instead of the February 1999 final judgment. Plaintiff further states that it would not have asked that the case be continued to request attorneys' fees and costs if it had known that interest would not accrue from the date of the verdict. As plaintiff points out, however, [Va.Code § 8.01-382](#)'s command that interest accrue from the date of a jury's verdict applies only to cases in which "the judgment entered in accordance with the verdict of a jury does *not* provide for interest" (emphasis added). The judgment in this case does provide for interest. Moreover, this court knows of nothing it did or said or anything else that occurred in the case to suggest that interest would accrue from the date of the verdict. Considering the amount of the verdict and the fact that the case was continued at plaintiff's request, interest will accrue from the date of judgment, not the date of verdict.

A copy of an order is enclosed.

## ORDER

On plaintiff's motion to reconsider the accrual of interest from the date of judgment instead of the date of the jury's verdict, and for the reasons stated in the letter opinion dated this date, it is-  
ORDERED that the motion is denied, plaintiff's objection being noted.

A copy of this order was mailed this day to counsel of record.