UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION,

Plaintiff

v.

KEANE, INC.

Defendant

Civil Action No.

COMPLAINT

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

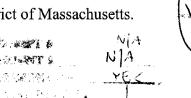
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NATURE OF THE ACTION

This is an action under Title VII of the Civil Right Act of 1964 to correct unlawful employment practices on the basis of race, and to make whole Michael Randolph and other similarly situated individuals affected by racial harassment, retaliation and constructive discharge by Keane, Inc. (hereafter "Keane"). The allegations relevant to this case are described in greater detail in paragraph 7, below.

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 of the Civil Right Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq. ("Title VII").
- 2. On information and belief, Keane maintains and administers the employment records relevant to the alleged discriminatory conduct alleged in this action within the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts. Keane's principal offices are also found within the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.



As a result, this action is jurisdictional in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, pursuant to Section 706 (f)(2) of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §2000e-5(f)(2).

PARTIES

- 3. Plaintiff, 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 Section 706 (f)(1) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. §2000e-5(f)(1), and Section 707 of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. §2000e-6.
- 4. At all relevant times, Keane has continuously been a Massachusetts corporation doing business in the State of Massachusetts and the county of Suffolk, and has continuously had at least fifteen employees.
- 5. At all relevant times, Keane has continuously been an employer engaged in an industry affecting commerce withing the meaning of Section 701(b), (g) and (h) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. §2000e-(b), (g), and (h).

STATEMENT OF CLAIMS

- 6. More than thirty days prior to the institution of this lawsuit, Michael Randolph filed a charge with Commission alleging violations of Title VII by Keane. All conditions precedent to the institution of this lawsuit have been fulfilled.
- 7. Since at least September 22, 1997, Keane has engaged in unlawful discriminatory employment practices, in violation of Sections 703 and 704 of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. §§2000e-2(a) and 3(a). These practices include, but are not limited to, the following:
- a) Keane has subjected and is currently subjecting a class of African American employees to racial discrimination and harassment, including, but not limited to, use of racial epithets and

other racially derogatory names, a racially offensive KKK drawing, assigning customer accounts on the basis of race, and other offensive conduct which created and/or creates a hostile work environment.

- b) Keane has subjected and is currently subjecting a class of African American employees to disparate treatment based on race, including but not limited to, assigning customer accounts on the basis of race, assigning its African American employees fewer accounts than other employees, delaying and/or denying compensation to its African American employees, and other conduct which created and/or creates disparate treatment on the basis of race.
- c) After employees engaged in protected activity, including, but not limited to, complaining about the discriminatory practices described above, Keane took insufficient or no remedial action, and instead retaliated against the employees by taking adverse action against them, including negatively affecting their terms and conditions of employment.
- d) Keane constructively discharged employees by its failure to eliminate the hostile environment.
- 8. The effect of the practices complained of above has been to deprive Michael Randolph and other similarly situated employees of equal employment opportunities, and otherwise adversely affect their status as employees on the basis of race, retaliation and constructive discharge.
 - 9. The unlawful employment practices complained of above were intentional.
- 10. At all relevant times, Keane has been acting with malice or reckless indifference to the federally protected rights of Michael Randolph and other similarly situated individuals.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, the Commission respectfully requests that this Court:

- A. Grant a permanent injunction enjoining Keane, its officers, successors, assigns and all persons in active concert or participation with it, from engaging in any employment practices which discriminate on the basis of race, retaliation and/or constructive discharge;
- B. Order Keane to institute and carry out policies, practices and programs which provide equal employment opportunities for employees engaging in protected activity, and which eradicate the effects of Keane's past and present unlawful employment practices;
- C. Order Keane to make whole all the individuals affected by the unlawful employment practices described above, 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 Defendant's unlawful employment practices;
- D. Order Keane to make whole all those individuals affected by the unlawful employment practices described above, by providing compensation for past and future pecuniary losses in amounts to be determined at trial;
- E. Order Keane to make whole all those individuals affected by the unlawful employment practices described above by providing compensation for non-pecuniary losses, including pain, suffering and humiliation in amounts to be determined at trial.
- F. Order Keane to pay all those individuals adversely affected by the unlawful employment practices described above punitive damages for its malicious and/or reckless conduct in amounts to be determined at trial;
 - G. Grant such further relief as the Court deems necessary and proper;

H. Award the Commission its costs in this action.

JURY TRIAL DEMAND

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

Dated: September 5, 2000 Boston, MA

Respectfully submitted,

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