

NATURE OF THE ACTION

This is an action under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended and Title I of the Civil Rights Act of 1991 to correct unlawful employment practices on the basis of sex and to provide appropriate relief to Susan Grice, who was subjected to a sexually hostile work environment, discriminated against because of her sex, and constructively discharged.

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 Section 706(f)(1) and (3) of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, ("Title VII"), 42 U.S.C § 2000e-5(f)(1) and (3), and Section 102 of the Civil Rights Act of 1991, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1981a.
- 2. The employment practices alleged to be unlawful were and are now being committed within the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

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 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended and is expressly authorized to bring this action by Section 706(a) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-5(a).
- 4. At all relevant times, Defendant, ASI Millwork, Inc., has continuously been and is now doing business in the State of Texas and has continuously had at least fifteen employees.
- 5. At all relevant times, Defendant has continuously been an employer engaged in an industry affecting commerce under 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, Susan Grice filed a charge with the Commission alleging violations of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, by the Defendant. All conditions precedent to the institution of this lawsuit have been fulfilled.
- 7. During the employment of Susan Grice, the Defendant has engaged in unlawful employment practices in violation of Section 703(a)(1) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-2(a)(1) by subjecting Ms. Grice to a sexually hostile work environment, discriminating against her because of her sex, and constructively discharging her. Specifically, Defendant's President and Owner, George Hoover, sexually harassed Ms. Grice during her employment with Defendant. The harassment included verbal harassment as well as physical touching. The conduct was so severe as to cause Susan Grice great humiliation and emotional distress, resulting in a material alteration of the terms

and conditions of her employment and in the constructive discharge of Susan Grice.

- The result of the foregoing practices has been to deprive Susan Grice of equal employment opportunities because of her sex.
- The unlawful employment practices complained of in paragraph 7 above were 9. intentional.
- 10. The unlawful employment practices complained of in paragraph 7 above were done with malice or with reckless indifference to the federally protected rights of Susan Grice.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, the Commission respectfully requests that this Court:

- Grant a permanent injunction enjoining the Defendant, its officers, successors, A. assigns, and all persons in active concert or participation with it, from engaging in any employment practice which discriminates on the basis of sex, or which facilitates, condones or encourages sexual harassment.
- B. Order the Defendant to institute and carry out policies, practices, and programs which provide equal employment opportunities and a non-hostile work environment for females, and which eradicate the effects of its past and present unlawful employment practices.
- C. Order the Defendant to make whole Susan Grice by providing appropriate back pay with prejudgment interest in amounts to be determined at trial, front pay, pecuniary losses, compensatory damages including out-of-pocket expenses, and other affirmative relief necessary to eradicate the effects of its unlawful employment practices, including but not limited to rightful place reinstatement for Ms. Grice.

D. Order the Defendant to make Susan Grice whole by providing compensation for past and future pecuniary losses resulting from the unlawful employment practices described in paragraph 7 above, including but not limited to out of pocket medical expenses and job hunting expenses.

E. Order the Defendant to make Susan Grice whole by providing compensation for past and future nonpecuniary losses resulting from the unlawful employment practices described in paragraph 7 above, including but not limited to, pain and suffering, humiliation, embarrassment, emotional distress, anxiety, and loss of enjoyment of life, in amounts to be determined at trial.

F. Order the Defendant to pay Susan Grice punitive or exemplary damages for its intentional, malicious conduct or reckless indifference described and referenced in paragraph 7 above, in an amount to be determined at trial.

G. Grant such further relief as the Court deems necessary and proper in the public interest.

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.

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