

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION
ITEM FOR INFORMATION

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Subject: Litigation

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NEW CASES

There are no new cases this month.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Katherine McCarty v University of Michigan. Washtenaw County Circuit Court. (Judge Donald E. Shelton) (Filed September 19, 2007).


Plaintiff is a Custodian at the University who filed a complaint of sexual harassment. She claims that the University failed to take prompt and remedial action following her complaint and that she has suffered damages, lost wages, emotional distress and attorney's fees. She seeks damages in excess of \$25,000, costs, interest and attorney's fees. The University filed a motion for summary disposition, which was granted by Judge Shelton and the case is dismissed.

CASE UPDATES

2. Linda J. Kleinschmidt v Regents of the University of Michigan and Ronald Williams. Washtenaw County Circuit Court. (Judge David S. Swartz) (Filed January 24, 2007); Michigan Court of Claims (Judge James R. Giddings) (Filed June 10, 2008).

Plaintiff alleges that, while driving in Ann Arbor, a University bus failed to stop and struck her car from the rear. Ms. Kleinschmidt claims that she suffered and continues to suffer severe injuries. Plaintiff claims both the University and bus driver Williams were negligent and seeks damages, costs, attorney's fees and interest. The University was dismissed from the Washtenaw County Circuit Court case; Plaintiff has refiled against the University in the Michigan Court of Claims.

Respectfully submitted,


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