

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY)
COMMISSION,)

Plaintiff,)

v.)

CATERPILLAR INC.,)

Defendant.)

CIVIL ACTION NO.

03C 5638

COMPLAINT
JURY TRIAL DEMAND

JUDGE PALLMEYER

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MAGISTRATE JUDGE LEVIN

NATURE OF THE ACTION

This is an action under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.* ("Title VII"), and Title I of the Civil Rights Act of 1991, 42 U.S.C. § 1981a, to correct unlawful employment practices on the basis of sex and retaliation and to provide appropriate relief to Karon Lambert ("Lambert"), a former employee of Caterpillar, Inc. ("Defendant") and a class of women who were adversely affected by such practices. Plaintiff, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (the "Commission"), contends that Defendant discriminated against Lambert and a class of women because of their sex by subjecting them to a pattern or practice of sexual harassment and by retaliating against them for asserting their Title VII rights all in violation of Title VII.

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) and Section 707(e) of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-

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5(f)(1) and (3) and §2000e-6(e) , and Section 102 of the Civil Rights Act of 1991, 42 U.S.C. §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 Illinois, Eastern Division.

PARTIES

3. Plaintiff, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, is the 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) and (3) and Section 707(e) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-5(f)(1) and (3) and § 2000e-6(e).

4. At all relevant times, Defendant has continuously been and is now doing business in the State of Illinois and the City of Aurora and has continuously had at least fifteen (15) employees.

5. At all relevant times, Defendant has continuously been an employer engaged in an industry affecting commerce within the meaning of Sections 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, Lambert filed a charge with the Commission alleging violations of Title VII by Defendant. All conditions precedent to the institution of this lawsuit have been fulfilled.

7. Since at least 1999 Defendant has engaged in unlawful employment practices at its facility in Aurora, Illinois in violation of Sections 703(a)(1) and 704(a) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-2(a)(1) and § 2000e-3(a). These practices include, but are not limited to, engaging in

intentional discrimination against Lambert and a class of women by subjecting them to sexual harassment and retaliating against Lambert and a class of women for opposing the harassment. These practices include, but are not limited to, Lambert and a class of women being sexually harassed by a male supervisor and terminating Lambert and a class of women all in continuing violation of Sections 703(a)(1) and 704(a) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-2(a) and § 2000e-3(a).

8. From at least 1999 Defendant has engaged in a pattern or practice of failing to correct the sexual harassment and retaliation referenced in paragraph seven (7) above.

9. The effect of the practices complained of in paragraphs seven (7) and eight (8) above has been to deprive Lambert and a class of women of equal employment opportunities and otherwise adversely affect their status as employees because of their sex.

10. The unlawful employment practices complained of in paragraphs seven (7) and eight (8) above were and are intentional.

11. The unlawful employment practices complained of in paragraphs seven (7) and eight (8) above were and are done with malice or with reckless indifference to the federally protected rights of Lambert and a class of women.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Commission respectfully requests that this Court:

A. Grant a permanent injunction enjoining Defendant, its officers, successors, assigns, and all persons in active concert or participation with it, from engaging in any employment practice which discriminates on the basis of sex;

B. Grant a permanent injunction enjoining Defendant, its officers, successors, assigns, and all persons in active concert or participation with it, from retaliating against any employee for participating in protected activity;

C. Order Defendant to institute and carry out policies, practices, and programs which provide equal employment opportunities for women, and which eradicate the effects of its past and present unlawful employment practices;

D. Order Defendant to make whole Lambert and a class of women by providing appropriate back pay with pre-judgment interest, in amounts to be determined at trial, and other affirmative relief necessary to eradicate the effects of its unlawful employment practices;

E. Order Defendant to make whole Lambert and a class of women by providing compensation for past and future pecuniary losses resulting from the unlawful employment practices described above, including, but not limited to, job search expenses;

F. Order Defendant to make whole Lambert and a class of women by providing compensation for past and future non-pecuniary losses, including emotional pain, suffering, inconvenience, loss of enjoyment of life and humiliation;

G. Order Defendant to pay Lambert and a class of women punitive damages for its malicious and/or reckless conduct described, in amounts to be determined at trial;

H. Order Defendant and its successors to provide training to its officers, managers and employees regarding sexual harassment and retaliation in the workplace;

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

J. 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.

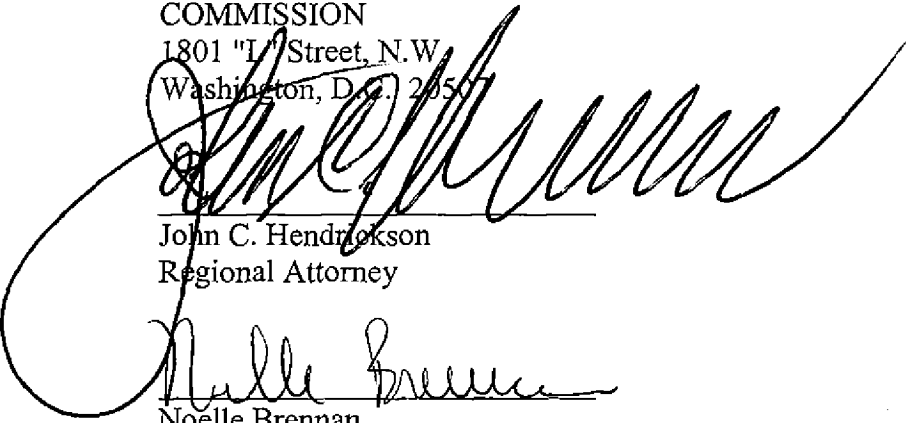
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II. Basis of Jurisdiction: 1. U.S. Gov't Plaintiff

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III. Citizenship of Principal
Parties (Diversity Cases Only)

Plaintiff:- N/A
Defendant:- N/A

MAGISTRATE JUDGE LEVIN

IV. Origin : 1. Original Proceeding

V. Nature of Suit: 442 Employment

VI. Cause of Action: Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq. ("Title VII"), and Title I of the Civil Rights Act of 1991, 42U.S.C. § 1981 a, to correct unlawful employment practices on the basis of sex and retaliation.

VII. Requested in Complaint

Class Action:
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Jury Demand: **Yes**

VIII. This case IS NOT a refiling of a previously dismissed case.

Signature: Lauren G. Dreilinger

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