



Districts of Kansas & Western Missouri

Civil Jury Verdict Report

D. Kan. & W.D. Mo.

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FEBRUARY 2022 CIVIL VERDICT SUMMARY

Parties: *Ursula Thomas Cole v. Precision Aviation Controls*
Case No.: 6:19-cv-01295-KHV Judge: Hon. Kathryn H. Vratil
Location: D. Kan.
Attorneys: (P) – Katrina Y. Robertson
(D) – Alan L. Rupe

The plaintiff sued her employer, Precision Aviation Controls, alleging Precision terminated her employment in retaliation for the filing of her charge of race discrimination. Plaintiff alleged that she filed a charge of discrimination with the Kansas Human Rights Commission and was then subjected to verbal harassment and interrogated by the President and Operations Manager about why she continued to file discrimination

complaints. She further alleged she was then sent home from work early before being terminated the next day.

Verdict: For defendant.

Parties: *Micah Morrison v. SPS Companies, Inc., et al.*
Case No.: 20-06129-cv-SJ-GAF Judge: Hon. Gary A. Fenner
Location: W.D. Mo.
Attorneys: (P) – Andrew Goodwin, Christopher McHugh & Matthew Johnston
(D) – Mitchell Wood & Kathryn Wright

Note: This was a bench trial. Plaintiff filed this ERISA – employee benefit lawsuit against his employer, SPS.

Verdict: For the defendants on all issues.

Parties: *Dominicka M. Alley v. Shelter Mutual Insurance Co.*
Case No.: 6:20-cv-01260-KHV Judge: Hon. Kathryn H. Vratil
Location: D. Kan. (Wichita)
Attorneys: (P) – Bradley Pistotnik & William Barr, Jr.
(D) – Michael Norton & Sabrina Hernandez

Plaintiff filed this uninsured motorist (UM) lawsuit against Shelter alleging personal injury due to the fault of an uninsured and unidentified motorist.

Verdict: For the defendant. The jury specifically found “an uninsured and unidentified motorist did not proximately cause plaintiff to suffer personal injuries.”

DID YOU KNOW?

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