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#### 1679CV00560 Coover, Jon vs. Premier Education Group, L.P. et al

CASE TYPE:

Torts

FILE DATE:

07/25/2016

**ACTION CODE:** 

B22

CASE TRACK:

F - Fast Track

**DESCRIPTION:** 

**Employment Discrimination** 

**CASE STATUS:** 

Closed

CASE DISPOSITION DATE 09/06/2016
CASE DISPOSITION: Transferred

Transferred to another Court

STATUS DATE:

09/06/2016

CASE JUDGE:

CASE SESSION:

Civil A - Ct. Rm. 3

#### LINKED CASE

A	PARTIES
Plaintiff Coover, Jon	Muller, Chip Muller Law, LLC Muller Law, LLC 155 S. Main Street Suite 101 Providence, RI 02903 Work Phone (401) 256-5171 Added Date: 07/25/2016
8	Khorsand, Ali Massachusetts Bar 76 King Phillip Street Portsmouth, RI 02871 Work Phone (301) 312-7044 Added Date: 07/25/2016
<b>Defendant</b> Ferrise, Paul	Flanagan, Christopher P Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman 260 Franklin Street 14th Floor Boston, MA 02110-3112 Work Phone (617) 422-5306 Added Date: 09/06/2016
Defendant Hastain, Nick	Flanagan, Christopher P Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman 260 Franklin Street 14th Floor Boston, MA 02110-3112 Work Phone (617) 422-5306 Added Date: 09/06/2016

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INFORMATIONAL DOCKET ENTRIES				
Date	Ref	Description	Judge	
07/25/2016		Attorney appearance On this date Chip Muller, Esq. added for Plaintiff Jon Coover		
07/25/2016		Attorney appearance On this date Ali Khorsand, Esq. added for Plaintiff Jon Coover		
07/25/2016		Case assigned to: DCM Track F - Fast Track was added on 07/25/2016		
07/25/2016	1	Original civil complaint filed.		
07/25/2016	2	Civil action cover sheet filed.		
07/25/2016		Demand for jury trial entered.		
08/12/2016	3	Service Returned for Defendant Premier Education Group, L.P.: Service via certified mail;		
08/12/2016	3	Service Returned for Defendant Ferrise, Paul: Service via certified mail;		
08/12/2016	3	Service Returned for Defendant Hastain, Nick: Service via certified mail;		
09/06/2016	4	REMOVED to the U.S. District Court		
		Applies To: Premier Education Group, L.P. (Defendant); Ferrise, Paul (Defendant); Hastain, Nick (Defendant)		
09/06/2016		Attorney appearance On this date Christopher P Flanagan, Esq. added for Defendant Premier Education Group, L.P.		
09/06/2016		Attorney appearance On this date Christopher P Flanagan, Esq. added for Defendant Paul Ferrise		
09/06/2016		Attorney appearance On this date Christopher P Flanagan, Esq. added for Defendant Nick Hastain		
09/06/2016		Case transferred to another court.		
09/06/2016		Event Result: The following event: Pre-Trial Conference scheduled for 11/17/2017 02:00 PM has been resulted as follows: Result: Canceled Reason: Case Disposed	Unassigned	

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SUPERIOR COURT

JON COOVER, Plaintiff,

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C. A. No. 16-560

PREMIER EDUCATION GROUP, L.P., PAUL FERRISE, AND NICK HASTAIN Defendants.

NOTICE OF FILING PROOF OF SERVICE

Now comes the Plaintiff Jon Coover, by and through his counsel, and hereby provides notice of proof of service upon out of state Defendants Paul Ferrise, Premier Education Group, L.P., and Nick Hastain via their agent for service Meltzer, Lippe, Goldstein & Breitstone, LLP via the U.S. Postal Service, copies of certified, return receipt requested green cards. Copies of the signed return receipt requested cards at attached as <u>Exhibit A</u> hereto.

Plaintiff, Jon Coover, By and through his Attorneys,

Ali Khorsand, Esq. (#8084) Chip Muller, Esq. (#7686) Muller Law, LLC 155 South Main Street, Suite101 Providence, RI 02903 (401) 256-5171 (401) 256-5025 (facsimile) chip@mullerlaw.com ali@mullerlaw.com

Dated: August 9, 2016

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that on the 9th day of August, 2016, I caused to be mailed a true and correct copy of the within via the U.S. mail to the following counsel and the original notice to be filed with the clerk of the court:

Meltzer, Lippe, Goldstein & Breitstone, LLP 190 Willis Avenue Mineola, NY 11501

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Attest:





## EXHIBIT A

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AA1 Contract Action involving Commonwealth,	D01 Specific Performance of a Contract	(A)	C01 Land Taking	(F)
Municipality, MBTA, etc. (A)	D02 Reach and Apply	(F)	C02 Zoning Appeal, G.L. c. 40A	(F)
AB1 Tortious Action involving Commonwealth,	D03 Injunction	(F)	C03 Dispute Concerning Title	(F)
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AD1 Equity Action involving Commonwealth,	D07 Imposition of a Trust	(A)		
Municipality, MBTA, etc. (A)	D08 Minority Shareholder's Suit	(A)	MC Miscellaneous Civil Actions	
AE1 Administrative Action involving	D09 Interference in Contractual Relationship	(F)		
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A01 Services, Labor, and Materials (F)	D14 Dissolution of a Corporation	(F)	AB Abuse/Harassment Prevention	
A02 Goods Sold and Delivered (F)	D99 Other Equity Action	(F)		
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A06 Insurance Contract (F)	PA CIVII Actions involving incarcerated Fa	III.		
A08 Sale or Lease of Real Estate (F)			AA Administrative Civil Actions	
A12 Construction Dispute (A)	PA1 Contract Action involving an	***		
A14 Interpleader (F)	Incarcerated Party	(A)	E02 Appeal from Administrative Agency,	
BA1 Governance, Conduct, Internal	PB1 Tortious Action involving an	***	G.L. c. 30A	(X)
Affairs of Entities (A)	Incarcerated Party	(A)	E03 Certiorari Action, G.L. c.249 §4	(X)
BA3 Liability of Shareholders, Directors,	PC1 Real Property Action involving an		E05 Confirmation of Arbitration Awards	(X)
Officers, Partners, etc. (A)	Incarcerated Party	(F)	E06 Mass Antitrust Act, G. L. c. 93 §9	(A)
BB1 Shareholder Derivative (A)	PD1 Equity Action involving an	(E)	E07 Mass Antitrust Act, G. L. c. 93 §8	(X)
BB2 Securities Transactions (A)	Incarcerated Party	(F)	E08 Appointment of a Receiver	(X)
BC1 Mergers, Consolidations, Sales of	PE1 Administrative Action involving an	4=8	E09 Construction Surety Bond, G.L. c. 149	
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BG1 Financial Institutions/Funds (A)	B03 Motor Vehicle Negligence - Personal	(E)	E17 Civil Rights Act, G.L. c.12 §11H	(A)
BH1 Violation of Antitrust or Trade	Injury/Property Damage	(F)	E24 Appeal from District Court	
Regulation Laws (A)	B04 Other Negligence - Personal	(F)	Commitment, G.L. c.123 §9(b)	(X)
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#### TRANSFER YOUR SELECTION TO THE FACE SHEET

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HAS A JURY CLAIM BEEN MADE?

B03

Motor Vehicle Negligence-Personal Injury

F. XYES

NO

#### STATEMENT OF DAMAGES PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 212, § 3A

**DUTY OF THE PLAINTIFF** - The plaintiff shall set forth, on the face of the civil action cover sheet (or attach additional sheets as necessary), a statement specifying the facts on which the plaintiff relies to determine money damages. A copy of such civil action cover sheet, including the statement as to the damages, shall be served with the complaint. A clerk-magistrate shall not accept for filing a complaint, except as otherwise provided by law, unless it is accompanied by such a statement signed by the attorney or pro se party.

**DUTY OF THE DEFENDANT** - If the defendant believes that the statement of damages filed by the plaintiff is inadequate, the defendant may file with his/her answer a statement specifying the potential damages which may result if the plaintiff prevails.

A CIVIL COVER SHEET MUST BE FILED WITH EACH COMPLAINT.
FAILURE TO COMPLETE THIS COVER SHEET THOROUGHLY AND ACCURATELY
MAY RESULT IN DISMISSAL OF THIS ACTION.



#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HAMPDEN COUNTY

SUPERIOR COURT

JON COOVER, Plaintiff,

V.

C. A. No. 16 · 560

PREMIER EDUCATION GROUP, L.P., PAUL FERRISE, AND NICK HASTAIN Defendants.

#### **COMPLAINT**

# JUL 25 2016

#### I. PARTIES, JURIDICTION, AND VENUE

- 1. Plaintiff Jon Coover is a resident of South Dakota.
- 2. Defendant Premier Education Group, L.P., ("PEG") is a private school company based in Connecticut.
- 3. PEG owns and operates Salter College located in Chicopee, Massachusetts in addition to other schools in the Commonwealth.
- 4. Defendant Nick Hastain is PEG's Chief Executive Officer.
- 5. Defendant Paul Ferrise is PEG's Division President, North Division, can be served in Connecticut, and, upon information and belief, is a Connecticut resident.
- 6. Almost all of events alleged in this Complaint took place in the Chicopee, Massachusetts located in Hampden County.
- 7. Jurisdiction is properly conferred by G.L. c. 212, § 4 and c. 223A, §§ 2 and 3.
- 8. Venue is proper under G.L. c. 223, § 1.

#### II. FACTS

- 9. In December, 2010, PEG hired Mr. Coover as its Regional Vice President of Operations.
- 10. Plaintiff Coover has over thirty years of experience in the education field.
- 11. Plaintiff Coover is 77 years old.

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- 12. On or about October 23, 2015, Plaintiff Coover became PEG's Regional Vice President of Operations for the school's Northern Division.
- 13. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Plaintiff Coover's work performance met or exceeded Defendants' expectations.
- 14. On December 5, 2015, Defendant Ferrise informed Mr. Coover that PEG's CEO, Nicholas Hastain, had promoted Defendant Ferrise.
- 15. On December 5, 2015, Defendant Ferrise also informed Mr. Coover that PEG had eliminated Mr. Coover's position, the Regional Vice President of Operations for the school's Northern Division, and, as a result, it had terminated Mr. Coover's employment with PEG.
- 16. Defendant Ferrise told Mr. Coover that the Regional Vice President of Operations for the Northern Division position was eliminated in order for PEG to have the financial resources to pay Defendant Ferrise's salary for his new role.
- 17. At the time of his termination, Mr. Coover asked Defendant Ferrise whether PEG could hire him as a Campus President. Defendant Ferrise had previously told Mr. Coover that PEG needed to hire a Campus President at PEG's campuses in Albany, New York, Southington, Massachusetts, or Chicopee, Massachusetts.
- 18. Defendant Ferrise informed Plaintiff Coover that he could work as the Campus President at the Albany, New York campus for the next few days while Defendant Ferrise had an opportunity to discuss Mr. Coover's request with PEG's CEO, Defendant Hastain.
- 19. Mr. Coover worked at the Albany campus as the Campus President for two days.
- 20. In early December 2015, Defendants recreated the position of Regional Vice President of Operations for the school's Northern Division and placed Vincent Garcia, a man approximately thirty years younger than Plaintiff Coover, in that position, which Mr. Coover had just occupied a few days before Mr. Garcia's appointment.
- 21. On December 8, 2015, Defendant Ferrise gave Plaintiff Coover the Campus President position at PEG's Salter College in Chicopee, Massachusetts.
- 22. The salary and benefits associated with the Campus President position were significantly less than those given to Mr. Coover when he was PEG's Regional Vice President of Operations for the school's Northern Division.
- 23. In a short amount of time, Plaintiff Coover successfully prepared the school for an accreditation visit and he improved student performance.
- 24. On or about December 22, 2015, Mr. Hastain terminated Plaintiff Coover's employment. Mr. Hastain falsely accused Plaintiff Coover of misusing PEG's proprietary information.

- 25. Mr. Hastain made these false allegations because he incorrectly believed that Mr. Coover had shared PEG's information with PEG's former CEO, Gary Camp.
- 26. In that same meeting on or about December 22, 2015, Plaintiff Coover successfully persuaded Mr. Hastain to reverse his termination of Plaintiff Coover.
- 27. Mr. Coover continued working as Campus President at the Salter College in Chicopee.
- 28. In January, 2016, PEG presented Plaintiff Coover with a draft "Confidentiality Agreement and Non-Disclosure Agreement" ("Agreement") to sign.
- 29. The Agreement barred Plaintiff Coover from disclosing PEG's secrets.
- 30. Plaintiff Coover signed the Agreement.
- 31. On February 2, 2016, Defendant Ferrise falsely accused Mr. Coover of violating the Agreement and accused Mr. Coover of unethical conduct.
- 32. Defendants' allegations that Plaintiff Coover violated the Agreement and acted in an unethical manner are pretext for discriminatory intent.
- 33. On February 2, 2016, Defendants terminated Plaintiff Coover.

# COUNT ONE AGE DISCRIMINATION ADEA MASS. GEN. LAWS CH. 151B

- 34. Plaintiff Coover repeats and incorporates by reference all paragraphs above and below as if restated here in full.
- 35. Plaintiff Coover is over 40 years old.
- 36. Beginning in December 2015, the Defendants discriminated against Plaintiff Coover because of his age with respect to the terms and conditions of employment, when they demoted and terminated Plaintiff Coover on December 8, 2015 and February 2, 2016, respectively.
- 37. Beginning in December 2015, the Defendants discriminated against Plaintiff Coover because of his age, and the discrimination adversely affected his status as an employee, when they demoted and terminated Plaintiff Coover on December 8, 2015 and February 2, 2016, respectively.
- 38. Defendants' demotion and termination of Plaintiff Coover due to his age was in violation of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act ("ADEA") and Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 151B, § 4-2.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Honorable Court award him reinstatement, damages, compensatory damages, liquidated damages, punitive damages, consequential damages, equitable relief, injunctive relief, attorney's fees, costs, interest, and other relief as this Honorable Court deems just and proper.

Plaintiff demands a TRIAL BY JURY on all counts so triable and designates Chip Muller and Ali Khorsand as trial counsel.

Respectfully, JON COOVER, By his attorneys,

Chip Muller, Esq. (BBO #672100)

Ali Khorsand, Esq. (BBO #675060)

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