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STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

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DORINE ALEXANDER,

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EEOC Case No. 1509909

Petitioner.

FCHR Case No. 20-00712

V.

DOAH Case No. 02-4524 5FH-CWS

BOEHM, BROWN, SEACREST, FISCHER & LEFEVER, P.A.,

FCHR Order No. 03-054

Respondent.

FINAL ORDER DISMISSING PETITION FOR RELIEF FROM AN UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE

Preliminary Matters

Petitioner Dorine Alexander filed a complaint of discrimination pursuant to the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992, Sections 760.01 - 760.11, Florida Statutes (1997), alleging that Respondent Boehm, Brown, Seacrest, Fischer & Lefever, P.A., committed an unlawful employment practice on the basis of Petitioner's race (African American) by subjecting Petitioner to harassment and terminating Petitioner from her position.

The case was "dual-filed" with the Florida Commission on Human Relations and the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). The EEOC issued its determination that it was unable to conclude that the information obtained in its investigation established violations of the statutes.

Petitioner filed a Petition for Relief from an Unlawful Employment Practice, and the case was transmitted to the Division of Administrative Hearings for the conduct of a formal proceeding.

An evidentiary hearing was held in Ocala, Florida, on March 24, 2003, before Administrative Law Judge Suzanne F. Hood.

Judge Hood issued a Recommended Order of dismissal, dated May 23, 2003.

The Commission panel designated below considered the record of this matter and determined the action to be taken on the Recommended Order.

Findings of Fact

We find the Administrative Law Judge's findings of fact to be supported by competent substantial evidence.

We adopt the Administrative Law Judge's findings of fact.

Conclusions of Law

We find the Administrative Law Judge's application of the law to the facts to result in a correct disposition of the matter.

We adopt the Administrative Law Judge's conclusions of law.

Exceptions

Neither party filed exceptions to the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order.

Dismissal

The Petition for Relief and Complaint of Discrimination are DISMISSED with prejudice. The parties have the right to seek judicial review of this Order. The Commission and the appropriate District Court of Appeal must receive notice of appeal within 30 days of the date this Order is filed with the Clerk of the Commission. Explanation of the right to appeal is found in Section 120.68, Florida Statutes, and in the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure 9.110.

DONE AND ORDERED this 1th day of August, 2003. FOR THE FLORIDA COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS:

Commissioner Roosevelt Paige, Panel Chairperson; Commissioner Gayle Cannon; and Commissioner Gilbert M. Singer

Filed this 11th day of August, 2003, in Tallahassee, Florida.

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James Mallue, Legal Advisor for Commission Panel

Clerk of the Commission

Florida Commission on Human Relations