STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

JENNIFER HATFIELD, EEOC Case No. 15D201400235

Petitioner, FCHR Case No. 2014-00196

v. DOAH Case No. 14-4046

SOUTHEAST COMPOUNDING PHARMACY, FCHR Order No. 15-015

Respondent.

FINAL ORDER DISMISSING PETITION FOR RELIEF FROM AN UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE

<u>Preliminary Matters</u>

Petitioner Jennifer Hatfield filed a complaint of discrimination pursuant to the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992, Sections 760.01 - 760.11, <u>Florida Statutes</u> (2013), alleging that Respondent Southeast Compounding Pharmacy committed unlawful employment practices on the basis of Petitioner's sex (female) by subjecting Petitioner to sexual harassment, and on the bases of Petitioner's sex and retaliation by terminating Petitioner from employment.

The allegations set forth in the complaint were investigated, and, on July 22, 2014, the Executive Director issued a determination finding that there was no reasonable cause to believe that an unlawful employment practice had occurred.

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 by video teleconference at sites in Tampa and Tallahassee, Florida, on November 4, 2014, before Administrative Law Judge William F. Quattlebaum.

Judge Quattlebaum issued a Recommended Order of dismissal, dated January 5, 2015.

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 of the parties 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 26 day of March FOR THE FLORIDA COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS:

> Commissioner Michael Keller, Panel Chairperson; Commissioner Rebecca Steele; and Commissioner Billy Whitefox Stall

Filed this 26 day of March, 2015, in Tallahassee, Florida.

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William F. Quattlebaum, Administrative Law Judge, DOAH

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been mailed to the above listed addressees this 26 day of March, 2015.

Clerk of the Commission

Florida Commission on Human Relations