

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

JULIE MCDANIEL,

EEOC Case No. NONE

Petitioner,

FCHR Case No. 2014-01257

v.

DOAH Case No. 15-0956

FORWARD AIR, INC.,

FCHR Order No. 15-073

Respondent.

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**FINAL ORDER DISMISSING PETITION FOR  
RELIEF FROM AN UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE**

Preliminary Matters

Petitioner Julie McDaniel filed a complaint of discrimination pursuant to the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992, Sections 760.01 - 760.11, Florida Statutes (2013), alleging that Respondent Forward Air, Inc., committed an unlawful employment practice on the bases of Petitioner's race (Asian) and national origin (not specified in complaint), and on the basis of retaliation by failing to offer Petitioner a new position when Petitioner's existing job was eliminated during restructuring.

The allegations set forth in the complaint were investigated, and, on January 9, 2015, 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 Orlando and Tallahassee, Florida, on July 9, 2015, before Administrative Law Judge John D. C. Newton, II.

Judge Newton issued a Recommended Order of dismissal, dated October 9, 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 16 day of December, 2015.  
FOR THE FLORIDA COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS:

Commissioner Rebecca Steele, Panel Chairperson;  
Commissioner Derick Daniel; and  
Commissioner J. Jeff Graber

Filed this 16 day of December, 2015,  
in Tallahassee, Florida.

  
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John D. C. Newton, II, 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 16 day of December, 2015.

By: Tammy Barton  
Clerk of the Commission  
Florida Commission on Human Relations