

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
SOUTH BEND DIVISION**

KIMBERLY A. HIVELY

Plaintiff,

v.

IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE,

Defendant.

CAUSE NO. 3:14-CV-1791 -JD-MGG

PLAINTIFF'S AMENDED COMPLAINT

This is an action under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 2000e-5) and for equal rights under law (42 U.S.C. § 1981), to correct unlawful employment practices on the basis of sex, and to provide appropriate relief to Plaintiff Kimberly Hively. As alleged with greater particularity in paragraphs 6-18 below, Plaintiff alleges that Defendant, Ivy Tech Community College (“Ivy Tech”) denied her full-time employment and promotion, and terminated her based on her sexual orientation.

PARTIES

1. The Plaintiff is Kimberly A. Hively. Her address is [REDACTED], and her telephone number is [REDACTED].

2. The Defendant is Ivy Tech Community College. Ivy Tech is located at 220 Dean Johnson Blvd., South Bend, IN 46601. The Defendant has appeared in this case, and thus no further service of process is required.

BASIS OF CLAIMS AND JURISDICTION

3. This action is brought for employment discrimination pursuant to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e to 2000e-17, and equal rights under Section 102 of the Civil Rights Act of 1991, 42 U.S.C. §1981a.

4. Jurisdiction of this Court is invoked pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1343(a).

5. This case is on remand from the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. There is no dispute at this point about jurisdiction, venue, or exhaustion of administrative remedies.

STATEMENT OF CLAIMS

6. Kim Hively is a woman. She is a private person. Her sexual orientation is homosexual.

7. Plaintiff began teaching as a part-time adjunct professor at Ivy Tech Community College (“Ivy Tech”) in South Bend, Indiana in 2000.

8. Plaintiff received a master’s degree in liberal studies from Indiana State University in 2011, with hopes to advance her career with Ivy Tech.

9. In her time at Ivy Tech, Plaintiff has consistently received high performance reviews as an adjunct professor, as well as positive student-evaluations. In 2011-2012, Plaintiff received the Adjunct Faculty Award for Excellence in Instruction. In 2014, she received praise from Dean James Powell in a written recommendation.

10. In 2009, Plaintiff and her partner were reported to have been kissing in the parking lot at Ivy Tech. Subsequently, Ivy Tech called Plaintiff to inform her of the report, and to remind her of her “professionalism,” notwithstanding that public displays of affection at Ivy Tech were common (e.g., “kiss good-bye,” hand-holding, etc.) among men in relationships with women who

conformed to Ivy Tech's gender norms. Plaintiff, however, was reprimanded by the office of Academic Affairs because Plaintiff was female and because she was not conforming with Ivy Tech's gender norms.

11. Plaintiff had applied for at least six positions with Ivy Tech. She was not recommended for hire for a single teaching or administrative position she applied for over a five-year period beginning in 2009.

12. In 2011-2012, Plaintiff won the Adjunct Faculty Award for Excellence in Instruction, and was nominated for an additional teaching award. She had good reviews and positive student evaluations.

13. Nonetheless, despite several applications, Plaintiff was never offered full-time employment, and her part-time employment contract was not renewed in July 2014.

14. In 2014, a new dean was promoted who took over the function of employment of adjunct professors. This administrator was also on different committees who had considered and ultimately rejected Plaintiff's applications for full time employment. Plaintiff was treated adversely because of her sex and because she did not conform to Ivy Tech's gender norms for women, when other less qualified candidates were promoted, hired, or retained over her.

15. On December 10, 2013, Plaintiff filed a sex discrimination charge regarding these adverse employment actions, which was presented to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (the "EEOC"). In that charge, she asserted that she was "being discriminated against based on [her] sexual orientation."

16. Ivy Tech's aforementioned decision to not promote or renew Plaintiff's contract was motivated by her sex, including her failure to conform to the female gender stereotypes given her sexual orientation toward other women. By discriminating against Plaintiff for failing to

conform to the female stereotype, and by discriminating against her based on conduct it allowed men to engage in, Ivy Tech engaged in unlawful gender stereotyping that falls within Title VII's prohibition against sex discrimination. *Hively v. Ivy Tech Cmty. Coll. of Indiana*, 853 F.3d 339, 346 (7th Cir. 2017), as well as sexual discrimination in favor of men.

17. Ivy Tech's aforementioned decision to not promote or renew Plaintiff's contract was motivated by Plaintiff's sex and sexual orientation. Ivy Tech did not take adverse action against men who were attracted to, dating, or living with women. Ivy Tech has disadvantaged Plaintiff because she did not conform to gender stereotypes and norms about women, was treated less favorably than men who were attracted to women, and she has experienced "paradigmatic sex discrimination" under Title VII. *Id.*

18. Ivy Tech took adverse action against Plaintiff based on her association and relationship with another woman. Plaintiff would not be suffering the adverse actions against her, had her sex been different. Ivy Tech's decision not to promote or renew Plaintiff's contract because of her association with another woman is prohibited sex discrimination under Title VII. *Id.* at 348-349.

19. The effect of the practices described in paragraphs 6-18 above have been to deprive Plaintiff of equal employment opportunities and otherwise adversely affect her status as an employee because of her sex.

20. The unlawful employment practices complained of in paragraphs 6-18 above were intentional.

21. The unlawful employment practices complained of in paragraphs 6-18 above were done with malice or with reckless indifference to Kim Hively's federally protected rights.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court:

22. Order Ivy Tech to make Kim Hively whole, by providing appropriate back-pay with prejudgment interest, in amounts to be determined at trial, and other affirmative relief necessary to eradicate the effects of its unlawful employment practices.

23. Order Ivy Tech to make Kim Hively whole by providing compensation for past and future pecuniary losses resulting from the unlawful employment practices described in paragraphs 6-18 above, such as debt-related expenses, job search expenses, medical expenses, and other expenses incurred by her, which were reasonably incurred as a result of Defendant's conduct, in the amounts to be determined at trial.

24. Order Ivy Tech to make Kim Hively whole by providing compensation for past and future non-pecuniary losses resulting from the unlawful employment practices complained of in paragraphs 6-18 above, including emotional pain, suffering, inconvenience, loss of enjoyment of life, and humiliation, the amounts to be determined at trial.

25. Order Ivy Tech to pay Kim Hively punitive damages for its malicious and reckless conduct described in paragraphs 6-18 above, in amounts to be determined at trial.

26. Award Kim Hively attorneys' fees, expenses and costs for this action.

Date: August 25, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

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