

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ATLANTA DIVISION**

GERALD LYNN BOSTOCK,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	CIVIL ACTION
)	File No. 1:16-CV-1460
v.)	
)	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF)	
COMMISSIONERS,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Gerald Lynn Bostock (“Plaintiff”) files this First Amended Complaint against Defendant Clayton County Board of Commissioners (“Defendant”) for violations of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended by the Civil Rights Act of 1991, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.* (“Title VII”).

PARTIES

1.

At all times relevant to this action Defendant employed Plaintiff.

2.

Plaintiff submits himself to the jurisdiction of this Court.

3.

Defendant is subject to the jurisdiction and venue of this Court.

4.

Defendant may be served with process by delivering a copy of Summons and Complaint to Jeffrey E. Turner, Chairman, Clayton County Administration 112 Smith Street, Jonesboro, GA 30236 for service of process.

5.

Defendant is an “employer” as defined by Title VII.

ADMINISTRATIVE

6.

Mr. Bostock timely filed a charge for Sex (Sexual Orientation) Discrimination with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

7.

Mr. Bostock filed this lawsuit within 90 days of the receipt of his Notice of Right to Sue.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

8.

Jurisdiction of this Court is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal question).

9.

Venue is proper in this district and division pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1) because Defendant resides within the Northern District of Georgia.

10.

Venue is also proper in this district and division pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2) because a substantial part of the events and omissions giving rise to this Complaint occurred within the Northern District of Georgia.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

11.

Plaintiff began working for the Defendant on or about January 13, 2003.

12.

Plaintiff is a gay male.

13.

Plaintiff was employed by Defendant as the Child Welfare Services Coordinator assigned to the Juvenile Court of Clayton County. Plaintiff was charged with the primary responsibility of Clayton County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate).

14.

During the over ten (10) years Plaintiff was employed by the Defendant, he received good performance evaluations and the program received accolades. Clayton County CASA was awarded the Established Program Award of Excellence by Georgia CASA in 2007. Plaintiff was recognized by National CASA for program expansion and served on the National CASA Standards and Policy committee in or around 2011-2012 .

15.

Beginning in January 2013, Plaintiff became openly involved with a gay recreational softball league, Hotlanta Softball League.

16.

Plaintiff actively promoted the Clayton County CASA organization to the softball league as a source of volunteer opportunities for league members.

17.

In the months after Plaintiff joined the Hotlanta Softball League, Plaintiff's participation in the league and his sexual orientation were, on information and belief, openly criticized by one or more persons who had significant influence on the Defendant.

18.

In or around April 2013, Defendant advised Plaintiff that it was conducting an internal audit on program funds Plaintiff managed.

19.

Plaintiff did not engage in any improper conduct with regard to program funds under his custody or control.

20.

Defendant initiated the audit as a pretext for discrimination against Plaintiff based on his sexual orientation.

21.

On information and belief, in May 2013, during a meeting with the Friends of Clayton County CASA Advisory Board, where Plaintiff's supervisor was present, at least one individual made disparaging comments about Plaintiff's sexual orientation and participation in the league.

22.

On or about June 3, 2013, Defendant terminated Plaintiff's employment.

23.

Defendant stated that Plaintiff was terminated for Conduct Unbecoming of a Clayton County Employee. That purported reason, however, was a pretense for discrimination against Plaintiff based on his sexual orientation.

COUNT I
Sex Discrimination in Violation of
Title VII of The Civil Rights Act of 1964, as Amended

24.

Plaintiff incorporates by reference the preceding Paragraphs as if fully restated herein.

25.

Plaintiff is a gay male.

26.

Plaintiff is an “employee” as defined by Title VII, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*

27.

Defendant is an “employer” as defined by Title VII, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*

28.

Having worked in his position previously, Plaintiff was qualified for the position of Child Welfare Services Coordinator.

29.

Defendant discriminated against Plaintiff in the terms and conditions of Plaintiff's employment when it terminated Plaintiff's employment.

30.

As a direct and proximate result of the Defendant's actions, Plaintiff has suffered damages including emotional distress, inconvenience, loss of income and benefits, humiliation, and other indignities.

31.

Plaintiff is entitled to an award of back pay and benefits, compensatory damages, reinstatement or front pay, attorney's fees, and all other appropriate damages, remedies, and other relief available under Title VII and all federal statutes providing remedies for violations of Title VII.

32.

Defendant acted intentionally and maliciously with respect to Plaintiff, entitling Plaintiff to recover punitive damages against Defendant.

33.

Additionally, or in the alternative, Defendant undertook its unlawful conduct recklessly with respect to Plaintiff and his federally protected rights, entitling Plaintiff to recover punitive damages against Defendant.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands a TRIAL BY JURY and requests the following relief:

- a. a declaratory judgment that Defendant violated Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*;
- b. a permanent injunction, prohibiting Defendant from engaging in unlawful employment practices in violation of Title VII;
- c. full back pay from the date of Plaintiff's termination, taking into account all raises to which Plaintiff would have been entitled but for his unlawful termination, and all fringe and pension benefits of employment, with prejudgment interest thereon;
- d. reinstatement to Plaintiffs' former position with Defendant at the same pay grade, or in the alternative, front pay to compensate Plaintiff for lost future wages, benefits and pension;
- e. compensatory damages in an amount to be determined by the enlightened conscience of the jury, for Plaintiff's emotional distress, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, loss of enjoyment of life and special damages;
- f. punitive damages;
- g. attorneys' fees and costs; and

h. all other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on August 2, 2016, I electronically filed the **FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT** with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will automatically send email notification of such filing to all current attorneys of record and have served the document on the following via hand delivery by process server, addressed as follows:

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c/o Chairman Jeff Turner
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**PLAINTIFF’S CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED
PERSONS AND CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

(1) The undersigned counsel of record for a party to this action certifies that the following is a full and complete list of all parties in this action, including any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation that owns 10% or more of the stock of a party:

- Plaintiff Gerald Lynn Bostock
- Defendant Clayton County Board of Commissioners

(2) The undersigned further certifies that the following is a full and complete list of all other persons, associations, firms, partnerships, or corporations having either a financial interest in or other interest which could be substantially affected by the outcome of this particular case:

- Plaintiff Gerald Lynn Bostock
- Buckley Beal, LLP
- Defendant Clayton County Board of Commissioners

(3) The undersigned further certifies that the following is a full and complete list of all persons serving as attorneys for the parties in this proceeding:

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Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of August, 2016.

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