

Discrimination suit dismissed

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A discrimination and wrongful termination lawsuit against a local manufacturing facility has been dismissed.

In November, 56-year-old Philip Berger filed a second lawsuit against his former employer, Emerson Climate Technologies, claiming that after he won the first lawsuit against the local manufacturer that he was discriminated against and not allowed to return to work. The alleged discrimination occurred shortly after a jury had awarded Berger with \$28 million in damages following a three-year legal battle in which he claimed that he was injured while working at the facility.



Keith Calhoun

Keith Calhoun, Emerson Climate Technologies Lebanon plant manager

Last week, 26th Judicial Circuit Court Judge Kenneth Hayden ordered the case to be dismissed with prejudice. Emerson's legal team filed a motion to dismiss the case in January.

"This is a victory for Emerson and as I have been saying from the beginning of this case, Mr. Berger's claims were baseless and this judgement confirms accordingly," local plant manager and Emerson Director of Missouri Operations Keith Calhoun wrote in an email to the Daily Record Friday.

For the complete article, see Monday's print edition of The Daily Record, or view the e-Edition online.