

CHURCHES & OTHER HOUSES OF WORSHIP

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY

The Director of Children's Ministries was terminated and replaced. Her successor was a younger Caucasian male, whom she believed was being paid more than she was. She files suit with the EEOC against the Ministries, alleging racial discrimination, age discrimination, sex discrimination, and pay discrimination.

GENERAL LIABILITY

A volunteer was decorating the church for a social gathering. While she was standing on a chair to arrange the decorations, she lost her balance and fell resulting in severe arm injuries.

PROPERTY

A fire destroyed a church sanctuary, and resulted in smoke and water damage to the structure and contents of the administrative office. In addition to replacing fixtures, furnishings, equipment and inventory, the church needed to rent space for worship services until the sanctuary was rebuilt.

PASTORAL PROFESSIONAL

The wife of a married couple sought counseling services from their pastor due to being physically abused in the household. The victim was contemplating divorce and sought advice. The pastor encouraged the wife to stay with her husband due to the sanctity of marriage and to seek couples counseling. As a result, the wife went back to the abusive relationship and was later hospitalized. She then sued the church and pastor stating that as a result of the counseling advice she stayed in the unhealthy marriage which led to her injuries.

ABUSE & MOLESTATION

A Sunday School Teacher was accused of sexually molesting a teenager. The teacher denied the charges but was forced to step aside pending a church investigation. The alleged victim's credibility crumbled when it was reported that she had a long history of inventing stories about herself and others. The cost of defending against an allegation with no merit was costly.

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