Wigdor LLP Files Discrimination And Retaliation Lawsuit Against Fashion Company Perry Ellis

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Wigdor LLP formerly represented Joseph T. Cook, a gay senior executive at fashion company Perry Ellis in a discrimination and retaliation lawsuit against the Company. The Complaint, filed in the Southern District of New York, on October 21, 2015 alleges that Oscar Feldenkreis, the Company President and Chief Operating Officer subjected Mr. Cook to highly offensive homophobic, racial and ethnic slurs. The Complaint further asserts that when Mr. Cook gained the courage to complain about the Company's discriminatory practices, Mr. Feldenkreis and the Company retaliated against him by orchestrating a campaign designed to isolate and exclude Mr. Cook and diminish his role in the Company. Relief which the Complaint seeks includes enjoining the Defendants from retaliating against Mr. Cook in response to his engaging in protected activities, a declaration that the actions are illegal under New York state law and undetermined monetary damages, among other things.

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"Perry Ellis May Lose Its Airport Store Due to 'Bigotry' Allegations"
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Employment Law 360
"Perry Ellis Sued for Anti-Gay, Racist Work Environment"
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"Perry Ellis President Sued"
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