

Opinions for the week of September 26 - September 30, 2016

Carl Reed v. John Mackey No. 16-1582

Submitted September 22, 2016 — Decided September 26, 2016

Case Type: Civil

Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. No. 16 C 350 — **Matthew F. Kennelly**, *Judge*.

Before MICHAEL S. KANNE, *Circuit Judge*; ANN CLAIRE WILLIAMS, *Circuit Judge*; DIANE S. SYKES, *Circuit Judge*.

ORDER

Carl Reed and Constance Haliburton-Reed appeal the dismissal of the second of two suits that they brought against Walgreens, Whole Foods, and Sears over mistreatment they alleged to have experienced while shopping at the defendants' stores. Because we agree with the district court that claim preclusion barred the suit, we affirm.

Milkiyas Amba v. Loretta Lynch No. 15-3747

Argued April 18, 2016 — Decided September 27, 2016

Case Type: Agency

Before FRANK H. EASTERBROOK, *Circuit Judge*; DIANE S. SYKES, *Circuit Judge*; LYNN S.

ADELMAN, *District Judge*.

Petition for Review of an Order of the Board of Immigration Appeals. No. A089 318 722

ORDER

Milkiyas Amba, a 58 year old native and citizen of Ethiopia, entered the United States on a nonimmigrant visitor visa on September 7, 2009. Two weeks later he applied for asylum, withholding of removal, and protection under the Convention Against Torture ("CAT"). An asylum officer interviewed him and referred his application to an immigration judge. Amba thereafter overstayed his visa, triggering removal proceedings. Amba conceded removability but renewed his requests for asylum, withholding, and CAT protection. An immigration judge denied these claims for relief, finding Amba's testimony insufficiently persuasive and lacking necessary corroboration. Alternatively, the immigration judge found that Amba's testimony did not demonstrate that he had suffered persecution or reasonably feared persecution if forced to return to Ethiopia. The Board of Immigration Appeals ("BIA") affirmed and ordered Amba removed, and he now seeks review of the agency's decision. We deny the petition for review.

Jerome Cole v. Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University No. 15-2305

Argued April 14, 2016 — Decided September 27, 2016

Case Type: Civil

Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. No. 13 C 3969 — **Frederick J. Kapala**, *Judge*.

Before POSNER, KANNE, and HAMILTON, *Circuit Judges*.

HAMILTON, *Circuit Judge*. Plaintiff Jerome Cole has worked for Northern Illinois University in the Building Services Department since 1998. He is African-American, and he alleges that beginning in 2009, he experienced race discrimination, retaliation, and a hostile work environment, including the discovery of a hangman's noose in his newly assigned workspace. He sued the university's board of trustees and eleven individual university employees asserting violations of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e-2, -3, and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. The district court granted summary judgment to the defendants. We affirm.

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