United States Court of Appeals

FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

No. 16-5243

September Term, 2016

1:15-cv-00602-CKK

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Ephraim Etokie,

Appellant

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Betsy DeVos, Department of Education,

Appellee

ON APPEAL FROM THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

BEFORE: Griffith, Srinivasan, and Pillard, Circuit Judges

<u>JUDGMENT</u>

This appeal was considered on the record from the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and on the briefs filed by the parties. <u>See</u> Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2); D.C. Cir. Rule 34(j). It is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the district court's order, filed July 29, 2016, be affirmed. The government has provided a "legitimate, non-discriminatory reason" for its employment decision, and appellant has not "produced sufficient evidence for a reasonable jury to find that the employer's asserted non-discriminatory reason was not the actual reason and that the employer intentionally discriminated against the employee on the basis of" a characteristic protected by law. Brady v. Office of Sergeant at Arms, 520 F.3d 490, 494 (D.C. Cir. 2008); see also Jackson v. Gonzales, 496 F.3d 703, 709-10 (D.C. Cir. 2007); Porter v. Shah, 606 F.3d 809, 816 (D.C. Cir. 2010).

Pursuant to D.C. Circuit Rule 36, this disposition will not be published. The Clerk is directed to withhold issuance of the mandate herein until seven days after resolution of any timely petition for rehearing or petition for rehearing en banc. <u>See</u> Fed. R. App. P. 41(b): D.C. Cir. Rule 41.

Per Curiam