# STATE OF INDIANA CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

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ERIC J. ANDERSON,

Complainant,

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Indiana State Civil Rights Commission

C.T. PEPPERS BAR & GRILL, Respondent.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER

On September 29, 2009, Robert D. Lange, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") for the Indiana Civil Rights Commission ("ICRC"), entered his Proposed Findings Of Fact, Conclusions Of Law, And Order ("the proposed decision").

No objections have been filed to the ICRC's adoption of the proposed decision.

Having carefully considered the foregoing and being duly advised in the premises, the ICRC hereby adopts as its own the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order proposed by the ALJ in the proposed decision, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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Dated: 23 October 2009

To be served by first class mail on the following parties and attorneys of record:

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# PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER

On September 25, 2009, Complainant, Eric J. Anderson ("Anderson"), filed his Motion For Dismissal ("MOTION").

Having carefully considered the foregoing and being duly advised in the premises, the undersigned Administrative Law Judge for the Indiana Civil Rights Commission ("ICRC") proposes that the ICRC enter the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. This proceeding involves Anderson's claim that he was denied equal access to public accommodations by Respondent C.T. Peppers Bar & Grill ("Peppers") because of race. COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION (May 1, 2008).
- 2. Peppers denied Anderson's claim of unlawful discrimination. [RESPONSE TO] REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM RESPONDENT (September 28, 2008).
- 3. The MOTION is expressly motivated by settlement.

- 4. There is no evidence of fraud, coercion, duress, or any other reason not to approve of the requested dismissal.
- 5. Any Conclusion Of Law that should have been deemed a Finding Of Fact is hereby adopted as such.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- The ICRC has jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties.
- Settlement is a favored resolution and should be encouraged.
- 3. Administrative review of this proposed decision may be obtained by the filing of a writing identifying with reasonable particularity each basis of each objection within 15 days after service of this proposed decision. IC 4-21.5-3-29(d).
- 4. Any Finding Of Fact that should have been deemed a Conclusion Of Law is hereby adopted as such.

### **ORDER**

- 1. Anderson's Motion For Dismissal is **GRANTED**.
- 2. Anderson's complaint is **DISMISSED**, with prejudice.

Dated: 29 September 2009

Robert D. Lange Administrative Law Judge To be served by first class mail this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009 on the following parties and attorneys of record:

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and to be personally served this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009 on the following:

Indiana Civil Rights Commission c/o Tony A. Kirkland, Executive Director Indiana Government Center North 100 North Senate Avenue, Room N103 Indianapolis, IN 46204-2255