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## Foot Locker settles with Dunbar

staff attorney in Lambda Legal's Southern Regional Office in Atlanta.

'Everyone deserves to work in a safe environment, and this agreement with Foot Locker will help ensure that what happened to Kevin Dunbar won't happen again.'

Dunbar, 26, suffered anti-gay harassment and discrimination at the hands of his co-workers, supervisors and a customer at two different Foot Locker stores in Columbia, S.C.

Foot Locker, Inc., already had in place policies promising an harassment-free workplace and included sexual orientation





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in its regulations regarding discrimination and harassment. When Dunbar formally complained, the promised confidentiality of the complaint was broken and the discrimination grew worse.

Dunbar told attorneys that when he was transferred from one store location in Columbia to another, his new store manager refused to shake his hand and said, "I heard about your shit, I don't want your faggot ass in my store."

"Once I became a target, every morning when I woke up and I was scheduled for work, I knew that my supervisors and

coworkers would verbally insult and degrade me, probably in front of customers," Dunbar said. "At best, they'd talk behind my back and make my every task twice as difficult -- just because I'm gay.

The settlement agreement brings to a close a lawsuit Lambda Legal filed on Dunbar's behalf this summer. The lawsuit argued that Foot Locker breached its contract with Dunbar by violating the company's own anti-harassment, anti-discrimination and open-door policies that are promised in the

employee handbook.

The terms of the settlement include a commitment from Foot Locker that its current training for all of its employees. will highlight sexual orientation non-discrimination. The training in the

company's Columbia, S.C., stores will be completed by summer.

Foot Locker also agreed that all employees will be informed on a quarterly basis that any instances or claims about harassment and discrimination based on sexual orientation can be reported to

the company's existing 1-800 number, which is staffed by human resource professionals at a national level to ensure that employees with problems at a local level can seek help from corporate headquarters.

"I am very pleased to have this over and to be able to move on with my life. No one should have to go through what I experienced and now, hopefully, no one will," said Dunbar. "The support I've gotten throughout this ordeal, sometimes from complete strangers in Columbia, gave me confidence to persevere."



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