

# Ex-Hershey In-House Lawyer Barred From Suing on Race, Gender Bias Claims

Bloomberg Law **reports** that a former Hershey Co. intellectual property lawyer can't proceed with a suit alleging he was discriminated against when the company terminated him by saying it was eliminating his position, but then hiring "a younger, African-American woman" for the same job, the Middle District of Pennsylvania said.

Kurt L. Ehresman, a 52-year-old white man, worked as Hershey's senior counsel for global intellectual property until Hershey told him it was eliminating his position, writes Bloomberg's Blake Brittain. Ehresman said Hershey soon created a "Head of Intellectual Property" position and hired a younger black woman "to promote Defendant's goal of diversity."

The court found his claims were barred by an agreement he signed when he left the company.

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