

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.

Read the Bloomberg Law article.