

# Federal Court Rules Racial Discrimination Lawsuit Against Frisco ISD Can Proceed

A black teacher and coach has won a major victory in his racial discrimination and retaliation lawsuit against the Frisco, Texas, Independent School District following a ruling from the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

In a ruling issued June 15, the 5th Circuit found that the former history teacher's claims were valid under both federal and state law, and should be heard by a jury. The ruling overturned a 2014 summary judgment issued by the U.S. District Court in Sherman that dismissed the case in the school district's favor.

"Alvin Jackson, who taught world history along with being a basketball and track coach, filed a suit against the Frisco school district in 2012, saying his contract was not renewed because he complained about discrimination and racial hostility at the high school," reported *The Dallas Morning News*. "He was the only black coach and core subject teacher at the campus then."

The Kendall Law Group represented Jackson.

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