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Four Women Subjected to Outrageous Sexual Harassment

Four Women Seek Damages for Severe and Outrageous Sexual Harassment by Local Manufacturer and Importer of Greek Foods and its President

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Four women commenced a lawsuit in New York State Supreme Court against Mediterranean Gyros Products, Inc. ("MGP"), a manufacturer and importer of Greek foods based in Queens and its President Vasilios Memmos. The women, Efstathis Ananiadis, Mirela Peraica, Gul Karan and Christina Kouimanis, had all been employed at MGP in various capacities and at different times between June 2007 and November 2010.

In the lawsuit, each of these women claim that they were sexually harassed and/or assaulted by MGP's President, Vasilios Memmos. For Ms. Peraica, Ms. Karan and Ms. Kouimanis, the harassment was continuous and they were subjected to forcible kissing, groping, fondling, comments of a sexual nature and sexual innuendo. Ms. Ananiadis was sexually assaulted by Memmos when he reached under her shirt and exposed her breast. Memmos' outrageous conduct forced Ms. Peraica and Ms. Ananiadis to leave their employment at MGP and file criminal charges against Memmos. Ms. Karan and Ms. Kouimanis were both ultimately terminated for no reason other than that they refused to give in to Memmos' sexual demands.

This is not the first time that Memmos has been accused of sexual harassment. Public records indicate that Suzanne Fantauzzo had commenced an action in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois against Memmos and Corfu Foods, Inc., another company allegedly owned by Memmos in Chicago. In that action, Ms. Fantauzzo, who had worked for Memmos as an Administrative Assistant, alleged that Memmos "kissed, smelled, hugged and groped her in a sexual manner..."

As a result of Memmos' illegal conduct, all of the MGP women have suffered, and continue to suffer, anxiety, mental and emotional distress, humiliation and loss of income and other benefits. They are seeking compensatory and punitive damages as well as attorney's fees.