

Docket Number: 3392

ROSS BUEHLER FALK & COMPANY, LLP

W. Michael Wolfe, Partner

VS.

CLOSED

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

~~John T. Henderson, Chief Counsel~~
~~Erin E. Stewart, Assistant Counsel~~
~~Peter M. Good, Assistant Counsel (DGS)~~
Trent Hargrove, Chief Counsel (DGS)

May 4, 2001

Claim and filing fee filed by Plaintiff. Amount of Claim: \$5,076.00+.

May 7, 2001

Copy of Claim forwarded to attorney for Defendant and Chief Deputy Attorney General. ANSWER DUE FROM DEFENDANT 6/6/01.

May 10, 2001

Acceptance of Service of Claim received from attorney for Defendant. Receipt of same acknowledged by attorney for Defendant May 8, 2001.

May 17, 2001

Acceptance of Service of Claim received from Chief Deputy Attorney General. Receipt of same acknowledged by Chief Deputy Attorney General May 9, 2001.

May 22, 2001

Letter received from attorney for Defendant advising that they will not be filing a response to Plaintiff's Claim pending the execution of a formal settlement agreement.

November 16, 2001

Answer with New Matter filed by attorney for Defendant. Copy forwarded to attorney for Plaintiff by attorney for Defendant.

December 19, 2001

Letter-type Reply to New Matter filed by Plaintiff.

December 28, 2001

Letter forwarded to parties directing parties to commence with discovery.

February 7, 2002

Plaintiff's Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings as well as Brief as Part of the Motion filed by attorney for Plaintiff. **Defendant's Response/Brief due on or before March 11, 2002.**

February 12, 2002

Defendant's Response to Plaintiff's Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings filed by attorney for Defendant. Copy forwarded to attorney for Plaintiff by attorney for Defendant.

March 18, 2002

The Board rendered an Opinion and made the following Order: "**AND NOW**, this 18th day of March, 2002, after due consideration of the Plaintiff's Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings, and other pleadings and submissions of the parties, it is **ORDERED** and **DECREED** that the Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings, as filed by Plaintiff, Ross Buehler Falk & Company, LLP, is **DENIED**." Copy forwarded to attorney for Plaintiff and attorney for Defendant.

March 25, 2002

Acceptance of Service of Opinion and Order dated March 18, 2002 received from attorney for Defendant. Receipt of same acknowledged by attorney for Defendant March 21, 2002.

October 2, 2002

Joint Stipulation of Facts, duly executed, filed by attorney for Plaintiff and attorney for Defendant.

November 1, 2002

The Board rendered an Opinion and made the following Order: "**AND NOW**, this 18th day of November, 2002, after due consideration of the parties' Joint Stipulation of Facts, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the stipulated facts are accepted and shall become a part of the record. It is further **ORDERED** that the Plaintiff, Ross Buehler Falk & Company, LLP shall file its brief within thirty (30) days from the exit date of this Order and the Defendant, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of State, shall file a reply brief within thirty (30) days of receipt of Plaintiff's brief. It is so **ORDERED**." Copy forwarded to Plaintiff and attorney for Defendant.

November 25, 2002

Acceptance of Service of Opinion and Order dated November 18, 2002 received from attorney for Defendant. Copy forwarded to attorney for Plaintiff by attorney for Defendant.

November 26, 2002

Acceptance of Service of Opinion and Order dated November 18, 2002 received from Plaintiff. Receipt of same acknowledged by Plaintiff November 22, 2002.

December 16, 2002

Brief in Support of Ross Buehler Falk & Company, LLP Claim filed by Plaintiff. Copy forwarded to attorney for Defendant by Plaintiff.

January 8, 2003

Letter received from attorney for Defendant advising that the Defendant will stand by the facts stated in the joint stipulation, concurs with Plaintiff's Brief, and will not be filing a reply brief in this matter. Copy forwarded to Plaintiff by attorney for Defendant.

June 20, 2003

Defendant filed Withdrawal of Appearance of Peter M. Good, Assistant Counsel, as well as Entry of Appearance of Trent Hargrove, Chief Counsel, on behalf of Defendant. Copy forwarded to Plaintiff.

October 29, 2003

Board issued Opinion and Order. Order as follows: "AND NOW, this 29th day of October, 2003, it is hereby **ORDERED** and **DECREED** that judgment is entered in favor of the Defendant, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of State, and that the claim of the Plaintiff, Robert Buchler Walk Company, LLP, is hereby **DISMISSED**. Each party to pay its own costs and attorney's fees." Copy forwarded to Plaintiff, Defendant and Chief Deputy Attorney General.

November 6, 2003

Plaintiff filed Acceptance of Service of Opinion and Order dated October 29, 2003. Receipt of same acknowledged November 4, 2003.

November 6, 2003

Chief Deputy Attorney General filed Acceptance of Service of Opinion and Order dated October 29, 2003. Receipt of same acknowledged November 3, 2003.
