

Docket Number: 3767

GRIFFITH & PETZ, INC.

Ross A. Giorgianni, Esquire

VS.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

~~Trent Hargrove, Chief Counsel~~
~~Tanya C. Lesko, Senior Counsel~~
David L. Narkiewicz, Assistant Chief Counsel

CLOSED

April 25, 2005

Plaintiff filed Claim, proof of mailing and filing fee. Amount of Claim: \$52,889.90+.

April 26, 2005

Board issued Acknowledgment letter and forwarded a copy of the Claim to Attorney General.

May 2, 2005

Chief Deputy Attorney General filed an Acknowledgement Form. Receipt of same acknowledged by Chief Deputy Attorney General April 29, 2005.

May 23, 2005

Defendant filed Answer and New Matter.

June 20, 2005

Plaintiff filed Reply to New Matter.

May 4, 2006

Defendant filed Notice of Service of Respondent's Answers to Interrogatories and Responses to Claimant's Request for Production of Documents.

May 4, 2007

Board issued letter to parties requesting status report.

June 1, 2007

Plaintiff filed letter/status stating that the parties have reached an agreement and that they anticipate filing a Praecipe to Settle and Discontinue in the near future.

June 1, 2007

Defendant filed letter/status stating that the parties have reached an agreement and that they will file a Praecipe to Settle, Discontinue and End once the settlement check is sent.

August 24, 2007

Plaintiff transmitted letter via fax stating that he was in receipt of a "Substitution of Counsel" forwarded by Joseph Bucci, Esquire of Houston Harbaugh. Plaintiff states that the substitution is not appropriate and contradicts the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure and that they remain counsel of record.

September 10, 2007

Plaintiff transmitted letter via fax sent to Defendant stating that Ross Giorgianni has been terminated and that his firm refuses to withdraw as counsel. Plaintiff has retained Attorney Joseph F. Bucci as its counsel and directed parties not to address any further correspondence to Mr. Giorgianni.

September 14, 2007

Defendant filed a letter he sent to Plaintiff regarding the substitution of counsel and the apparent fee dispute. Defendant will not forward the check to Plaintiff when a charging lien has been placed on the proceeds. Defendant is taking the position that they will wait until September 21, 2007 for them to resolve their dispute. If not resolved, the check will be void and a new check will be issued and made payable to the Board of Claims to hold until the dispute is resolved.

September 24, 2007

Defendant filed letter stating that it received a letter from Plaintiff's attorney confirming the resolution of the differences with Plaintiff and the firm's withdrawal of its charging lien. Defendant will forward check directly to Plaintiff.

May 17, 2013

Plaintiff filed a praecipe to mark settled and discontinued and ended.

May 22, 2013

Board rendered an Order. Order as follows: "**AND NOW**, this 22nd day of May, 2013, upon receipt of a praecipe executed by Ross A. Giorgianni, Esquire, on behalf of Plaintiff, Griffith & Petz, Inc., requesting that the Board mark the above-captioned matter settled, discontinued and ended, docketed with this Board under date of May 17, 2013, it is **ORDERED** and **DIRECTED** that the above-captioned matter be marked settled, discontinued and ended with prejudice." Copy forwarded to Plaintiff and Defendant.

May 28, 2013

Plaintiff filed Acceptance of Service of Order dated May 22, 2013. Receipt of same acknowledged May 24, 2013.

June 4, 2013

Defendant filed Acceptance of Service of Order dated May 22, 2013. Receipt of same acknowledged May 24, 2013.
