





90% of employees who eventually file suit initially report concerns internally

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 Jury rejected claim of retaliation because investigation was welldocumented. Lyons v. Denton ISD, No. 15-05355-158 (158th Judicial Dist. Court, Denton County, TX).

2) Chrysler Ops Mgr wins sexual harassment case because investigation was not thorough or timely; plaintiff not interviewed; no written report; investigation took 5 months; and Chrysler took no temporary actions to address situation pending investigation. *Rice v. FCA USA LLC*, Calif. Ct. App., No. E064958 (Jan. 2018).

3) 5th Circuit cautioned against allowing a person with a self-serving retaliatory motive to be in charge of an investigation. *Fisher v. Lufkin Industries, Inc.,* 847 F.3d 752 (5th Cir. 2017)



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