

Motion to Dismiss Granted in Case Alleging Fees for Copies of Deposition Transcripts Were in Violation of Illinois Consumer Protection Act

The plaintiff filed a class action complaint alleging fees for copies of deposition transcripts were unconscionable in violation of the Illinois Consumer Protection Act and exceeded the rates allowable under Local Rule 54.1. The plaintiff claimed that the fee was oppressive because he had to pay the rate set by the court reporter in order to receive a copy of the deposition transcript. The trial court granted the motion to dismiss the complaint filed by SmithAmundsen mass tort/class action attorneys. The court held that Local Rule 54.1 did not apply and that the prices charged were not oppressive or unconscionable. The lawsuit settled shortly thereafter on favorable terms.

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