

Morriseau v. Jason Wall and Vivian Wall o/a Paisley Park

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The complainant filed a complaint against the owners of a store alleging discrimination on the basis of family status and sex, including pregnancy or circumstances related to pregnancy, because she was not allowed to breastfeed her child in the respondent's store.

The complainant alleged that she had tried to breastfeed her six month old daughter in the store but was asked by the owner to go outside to the courtyard in order to breastfeed.

The Adjudicator considered the respondent's duty to accommodate the complainant and determined that a reasonable accommodation was a place for the complainant to sit that was clean, comfortable, and somewhat private. The courtyard offered was found to be as suitable, secure and comfortable for the complainant to breastfeed her daughter as the chair she used in the store. In considering the complainant's argument that the courtyard amounted to segregation and represented outdated and sexist attitudes, the Adjudicator noted that even if that were the attitude of the respondents in this case, it would not make a difference to the outcome in the case. The question is only what is the effect of the conduct on the person entitled to protection. The Adjudicator concluded that the respondent offered to reasonably accommodate the complainant.

The complaint was dismissed.