

Discrimination: Nurses Can Be Held Liable In A Physician's Lawsuit, Court Says.

An African-American physician who openly identified himself as bisexual and who was thought by many co-workers to be HIV-positive sued the hospital, his former employer, for discrimination.

His lawsuit focused primarily on the decision of the medical staff residency selection committee to turn down his tenure application allegedly because of his race and sexual orientation.

Nurses Can Create a Hostile Environment For a Physician

The US Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit had occasion to point out that it is possible for nurses, by their conduct, to create a hostile or discriminatory environment for a minority physician, although the conduct of the nurses in this particular case did not, in the court's opinion, give this physician grounds to sue. Johnson v. Riverside Healthcare System, F. 3d __, 2008 WL 375214 (9th Cir., February 13,