

PLUMLEY BRINGS COMPLAINT AGAINST HVFD

A Kingman woman alleges breach of contract through a claim filed against the Hualapai Valley Fire District (HVFD). Phoenix attorney James Burr Shields filed the claim in late March on behalf of Raeann Plumley.

Plumley is a former HVFD employee who currently works for the State Fire Marshall's Office.

Shields invites the HVFD to settle the matter for \$1-million or face lawsuit in civil court. The claim states that Plumley and the HVFD agreed to a "non disparagement" clause in settlement of the discrimination complaint she brought against the Fire District in 2002.

The claim alleges HVFD Chief Wayne Eder violated that clause in a September, 2007 letter he sent to the Office of the State Fire Marshall. Eder did not name Plumley in the letter but clearly referred to her, according to Shields.

Shields said there can be no doubt that Eder was speaking of Plumley when he challenged the Fire Marshall for employing a former HVFD employee.

"This former employee who was terminated for cause in 2002, filed in EOC complaint against our department in 2002 had a history of undermining this organization," Eder's letter to the Fire Marshall stated. "Your office continues to rely on her services."

The complaint alleges the Eder letter attempted to interfere with Plumley's employment and constitutes breach of contract for violating the non disparagement pact.