

Verdict Tracking

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San Francisco Superior Court

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City Hall,
400 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco

Halder v. Byer California, 939093, Judge Donald Mitchell, jury trial, Department 7.

Issue: Whether Byer California and Gary Schwartz are liable to Barbara Haider for wrongful termination and discrimination

Verdict: On Nov. 20 the jury found for the plaintiff, awarding \$451,876. Half of the award covers past and future wage loss; the other half covers emotional distress. The jury also made a finding for punitive damages, but the parties reached a confidential settlement before the jury decided on an amount.

For plaintiff: Jonathan Siegel and Jody LeWitter of Oakland's Siegel, Eggleston & LeWitter.

For defendants: Randall Willoughby and Mary Ann O'Hara of San Jose's Willoughby, Stuart & Bening.