



In the Missouri Court of Appeals Eastern District

DIVISION ONE

J. BRADLEY TEETS,)	No. ED90356
)	
Respondent,)	
)	Appeal from the Circuit Court
vs.)	of the City of St. Louis
)	
)	Honorable Joan M. Burger
AMERICAN FAMILY MUTUAL)	
INSURANCE COMPANY,)	
)	
Appellant.)	Filed: December 9, 2008

OPINION SUMMARY

American Family Life Insurance Company and American Standard Insurance Company of Wisconsin (collectively referred to as American Family) appeal the trial court's judgment entered by the Circuit Court of St. Louis City, following a jury verdict in favor of terminated insurance agent, J. Bradley Teets (Teets), on Teets's claim for breach of contract.

AFFIRMED.

Division One Holds: 1) The trial court did not err when it found Teets made a submissible case on his breach of contract claim because the contract was ambiguous and thus the interpretation was properly left to the jury, as the finder of fact; 2) the trial court did not abuse its discretion in denying American Family's motion for a new trial because substantial evidence existed such that the jury could find the contract was terminated without cause; and 3) the trial court did not abuse its discretion in denying American Family's motion for remittitur because the jury's verdict did not exceed fair and reasonable compensation for Teets's damages.

Opinion By: Kurt S. Odenwald, J.

Glenn A. Norton, J., and Patricia L. Cohen, J., Concur