

OPINION SUMMARY

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

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| SCHNEIDER HUGHES, |) | No. ED94470 |
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| Appellant, |) | Appeal from the Circuit Court |
| |) | of St. Louis County |
| v. |) | Case Number: 08SL-CC03877 |
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| BODINE ALUMINUM, INC., |) | Honorable Tom W. DePriest, Jr. |
| |) | |
| Respondent. |) | Filed: October 26, 2010 |

Before: Gary M. Gaertner, Jr., P.J., Mary K. Hoff, J., and Patricia L. Cohen, J.
PER CURIAM.

Schneider Hughes (Hughes) appeals from the trial court’s grant of summary judgment to Bodine Aluminum, Inc. (Bodine) in his wrongful-discharge employment action. At issue are whether there were genuine disputed issues of material fact to support Hughes’s contention of termination for refusal to comply with commercial bribery in violation of Section 570.150 RSMo 2000, and whether Hughes’s termination under these circumstances violated Missouri’s public-policy exception to the at-will employment statute.

REVERSED AND REMANDED.

Division Five Holds: The trial court erred in granting summary judgment to Bodine, because Hughes presented evidence sufficient to create a material issue of disputed fact that his refusal to engage in a violation of public policy was a contributing factor in his discharge. ITT Commercial Fin. Corp. v. Mid-Am. Marine Supply Corp., 854 S.W.2d 371, 376 (Mo. banc 1993).

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