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## **COURT DISMISSES LAWSUIT AGAINST ZETA PHI BETA FOR EXPULSION CLAIM**

**Washington, DC, November 24, 2008** – On Friday, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. won yet another victory when a lawsuit filed by a former member seeking reinstatement after her expulsion was dismissed.

In his ruling, U.S. District Court Judge James Robertson found that Zeta Phi Beta Sorority followed its guidelines when it expelled Natasha Stark. Judge Robertson also found that Stark was not a whistle blower because damaging statements she made to the media regarding the internal workings of the sorority do not enjoy whistle blower protection.

Stark sought to be reinstated to full membership in the organization and claimed her removal had been improperly handled. However, the court found no evidence that Zeta Phi Beta Sorority or any of its officers mismanaged Stark's expulsion and ruled in favor of the sorority.

"Zeta Phi Beta Sorority followed its rules when it expelled Natasha Stark for conduct that sorors at the chapter, state, regional and national levels found to be inappropriate. It is always appropriate for the sorority to enforce its rules," said Sheryl Underwood, International Grand Basileus.

Just days earlier, Washington, DC Superior Court Judge Gerald I. Fisher dismissed a lawsuit filed by member Kim Sawyer who, after losing a close race for International Grand Basileus in July, sought to unseat Underwood.

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