HOW TO ACCESS THE LEGAL DOCUMENTS FOR A CONSENT DECREED IN THE IWPR/ WAGE DATABASE

The IWPR/ WAGE Project on Title VII Sex and Race Discrimination Consent Decrees includes 497 consent decrees with effective dates between 2000 and 2008. The IWPR/ WAGE Consent Decree Database with coding for each consent decree is available on the IWPR website.

Consent decrees collected and analyzed by the IWPR/ WAGE Consent Decree Project are available in the IWPR/ WAGE Project Collection in the Civil Rights Litigation Clearinghouse. To access the documents for a particular case, follow the steps below:

- Go to [http://www.clearinghouse.net](http://www.clearinghouse.net) and select “search” tab. There are several ways to find a case:
  - Enter the name of the case at the of the top of the ‘search’ form (both plaintiff or defendant should work), scroll down towards the bottom of the search form to “special collections” and choose “IWPR/WAGE Collection”. Enter.
  - Identify the “Michigan University Clearinghouse ID” for the case from the IWPR/ WAGE Consent Decree (in the third column of the excel database, in the form of EE-XX-1234); scroll to the bottom of the Clearinghouse “search” form and enter into “Clearinghouse ID”.
  - You should also be able to find a case by entering the docket number.

Most documents can be directly downloaded; to access WESTLAW you need to first create an account and log-in at the Clearinghouse website.

The Civil Rights Litigation Clearinghouse is a web-based resource with information on major civil rights cases that have led to court-ordered regulation of some kind of defendant institution. It is sponsored by the University of Michigan Law School and maintained by faculty, students and a project manager. Its goal is greater public and scholarly understanding of civil rights litigation, including the settlements and court orders that result, which regulate government and private entities in myriad important – but often nearly invisible – ways.

The Clearinghouse is available free of charge to scholars, teachers, students, policymakers, advocates, and the public. For more information about the Clearinghouse contact Denise Heberle (dheberle [at] umich.edu).

We are still testing and trouble-shooting both the IWPR/WAGE database and the IWPR/WAGE Clearinghouse Collection. We’d be most grateful if you could let us know of any problems, missing information or strange codes you encountered while using the database. Please e-mail to Ariane Hegewisch (hegewisch[at]iwpr.org).

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1 The case descriptions in the Clearinghouse were prepared by Clearinghouse staff, not by IWPR/ WAGE.