

LEAGUE COUNSEL REPORT

SPENCER V. ACBL

Facts


On February 28, 2012 Cynthia Spenser and Richard Spencer filed a lawsuit in Providence, Rhode Island Superior Court against the League, Marriott and various other persons and entities, claiming that she was injured in a fall at a bridge tournament “operated” by the League. In fact, the tournament was a 2009 Massachusetts Regional operated by the District 25. District 25 is not currently listed as a defendant. Insurance counsel in Providence, Rhode Island has been appointed to represent the ACBL.

Insurance counsel reports that “...it does not appear that plaintiff has any documentation that would support a theory against the insured [the ACBL]. Further, counsel will file jurisdictional motions to dismiss the matter from the Rhode Island Superior Court based on the facts that the plaintiff is a Massachusetts resident, the League is a New York corporation, based in Mississippi, and the tournament was held in Massachusetts. Insurance counsel has filed a Motion to Dismiss with the Rhode Island Superior Court and is awaiting the Judge’s decision. The Judge has requested additional information before he makes his decision on the Motion to Dismiss. In the meantime, defendant has submitted interrogatories to the League.

Status

The Rhode Island Judge has dismissed this complaint for lack of personal jurisdiction. It is unclear if plaintiff will re-file this case against the ACBL in Massachusetts.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Rank", with a horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

Peter Rank, Esq.

Dated: July 12, 2013