

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA
Citation: *McMullin v. East Port Properties Ltd.*, 2006 NSSC 352

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Between: Lois M. McMullin Plaintiff

v.

East Port Properties Limited and Park Place Entertainment Scotia Limited, carrying on business
under the firm name and style of "Casino Nova Scotia/Casino Nouvelle Ecosse" and The
Manufacturers Life Insurance Company Defendants

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Judge: The Honourable Justice Walter R.E. Goodfellow

Heard: October 18, 2006, Chambers, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Subject: **Disclosure/Answer to Interrogatory**

Summary: Ms. McMullin issued a statement of claim August 13, 2002 claiming a wide range of causes of actions and relief in relation to her employment termination as a dealer with Casino Nova Scotia. Subsequently, on April 18, 2006 Ms. McMullin settled her long-term disability claim with Manufacturers Life and refuses to answer an interrogatory from the other defendants seeking full particulars and details of her settlement.

Issue: Should Ms. McMullin be required to disclose the particulars of her L.T.D. settlement with Manufacturers?

Result: The fact that Ms. McMullin's damage claim, presumably based on contract, for which she paid or contributed premiums would not permit any setoff of L.T.D. benefits does not determine the issue of disclosure. Ms. McMullin's pleadings were extremely wide claiming against all defendants including Manufacturers Life for failure to provide temporary relief, allegations of bad faith, aggravated damage claim, etc., etc. Clearly, there is more than a semblance of relevance. As to the extent of Ms. McMullin's various claims against all of the defendants and liberal approach to disclosure, the nature and details of the disclosure will determine what, if any, further discovery process is appropriate and that issue is not before the court and should not be addressed until after disclosure.

Counsel entitled to be heard on costs.

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