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RESPONDENT'S ARGUMENT

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I have been diagnosed with the condition of Bi-Polar / Manic Depression since the age of 13. My psychiatrist Satnam Atwal M.D. is treating me for Bi-Polar. I take Lithium Carbonate 300mg. 2cap. a day, Depakote 60mg. 2cap. a day, Seroquel 200mg. tab. 1 tablet a day, Wellbutrin 150mg. tab. 1 tab. a day, Propanalol 10mg. tab 2 tab. a day. and Temazapam 30mg. capsule one capsule a day. I had many depressive episodes during the years I worked at PDC. I had to be hospitalized many times. I was hospitalized two times within two weeks of each other when I decided to apply for disability retirement. The last time I was in for 2 weeks and wanted to end my life. PDC personel office said, "If you have a chronic condition and if you can apply for disability retirement." My condition was and is very serious. My job caused me to have anxiety, stress, nervousness and fearfulness.

I have a family history of Bi-Polar condition. My brother killed himself at age 21 after being depressed. My father was diagnosed as Bi-Polar. My aunt was Bi-Polar. My brother suffers from depression. Dr. Markovitz wasn't aware of this.

I believe there was enough factual basis from four other professionals

other than Dr. Markovitz to prove I'm Bi-Polar and am permanently disabled. He only saw me one time for 45 minutes. Dr. Barnett stated that my disability was permanent. Mr. Bluestein said, "her return to work would present a "significant safety concern" for clients and respondent." Mr. Bluestein stated "that I was currently disabled and the incapacity was permanent." Dr. Espinosa opinion was that respondents incapacity was permanent "for this position" as respondent "cannot work around psychiatric patients." Dr. Satnam S. Atwal wrote "Karen has been suffering a severe form of Bi-Polar disorder and intermittent ~~psychiatric~~ psychotic symptoms." "She is barely functioning with current aggressive psychiatric treatment."

I don't know if anything was stated in the factual findings about how the job affected me. I would be shaky and nervous even before I got to work just knowing I was going there. My hands were shaking as I opened the door to the unit. I would be signing in and I shook so hard you could hardly read my writing. I would become more anxious as I went to the floor. The behavior of the clients were becoming more severe.

Sometimes you would have to deal with three or four behaviors at a time. I would get fearful at times. They put me working with more severe behaviors and this caused me more anxiety. It became where I couldn't sleep and wound up in a depression. I wound up in the hospital. After two times being hospitalized I felt I couldn't come back to work. It wasn't that I was resistant to returning to "a work situation she no longer enjoys" and desires to spend time with her family." It was in fear of getting depressed so bad that I felt like killing myself again.

I believe too much emphasis was put on Dr. Markovitz evaluation and not enough on the other professionals. I've seen the other four professionals much more than 45 minutes. I see these professionals more often and they know more about my condition. What these other professionals said should be considered again. These professionals didn't even a test on me but have known more about me than Dr. Markovitz.

Dr. Markovitz wrote under DSM IV diagnosis under IV mild stressors from her dislike for job requirements. This is wrong.

I didn't dislike my new job requirements. I had to work more since behavior and it caused fear, stress and anxiety which caused me not to sleep and become depressed. I had a hard time with my new duties.

Dr. Markovitz said, "If you don't want to do something, it makes it hard to go back. It's not that I don't want to do the job, it's that I'm not able to do the job because it worsens my condition. It's not that I want to spend more time with my family, it's that I know I can't handle the stress and anxiety that the job causes me and the depression it brings.

How can Dr. Markovitz say "I have been inadequately treated for years." I have been under my family physicians care and other reputable psychiatrists who have treated me. They treat me or have treated me for Bi-Pola and have seen me in my episodes of depression.

Dr. Markovitz says "I can work at this time but does not like my job situation." It's not that I dislike my job situation, it's that its too hard for me mentally and physically and affects my depression.

The R.T. duties Dr. Markovitz stated I would do is not true. Many of these

job duties are mentally and physically too hard on me. I haven't worked a 40 hour week since my first four and a half years with the Developmental Center. I worked fourteen and a half years and it was still too hard on me. I don't want to have more anxiety, stress and nervousness that affects my depression.

I feel I'm incapacitated at this time. I have depression and anxiety and my job aggravates this. I'm receiving effective treatment as I stated earlier, I see my family physician plus a reputable psychiatrist.

I don't remember making it "abundantly clear that I dislike my current job situation and have no plans of returning to work, even if she has remission in total of her illness." I will again stress the fact that it wasn't that I disliked my job but it was just too hard on me mentally and physically.

Mr. Bluestein is a psychologist and not a psychiatrist. He sees me twice a month. I'm sure he's written up reports on many clients. I'm sure he knows what he's doing.

I don't believe I have Borderline Personality Disorder as I don't have what Dr. Markovitz says is one of the symptoms. I don't have rage

and anger control issues related to more reactivity during which they react strongly to things in the environs.

The person that knows the best whether I can go back to work or not is me. I'm the one with the disability, I'm the one who worked at my job and know what it was really like and how it affected me. It was hard for me, it was hard for me mentally and physically. It caused me stress, anxiety, nervousness and fear which caused me not to sleep which led to my depression. I remind you that my depression was so severe that I wanted to kill myself.

Please go back and revaluate what four other professionals besides Dr. Markovitz have to say. Read Dr. Barnett, Dr. Espinosa, Mr. Bluestein and Dr. Atwal's about me and my permanent disability.

Sincerely
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