

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DIVISION OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

RYAN CHRISTIANSON,)
Plaintiff,)
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v.)
)
BICYCLE MESSENGERS, INC., and)
YAMAHAHONDA, INC.)
Defendants.)
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Judge: Michael J. McSherry
Case No.: 2009-cv-3243

**PLAINTIFF RYAN CHRISTIANSON'S ANSWERS TO DEFENDANT
BICYCLE MESSENGERS' FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES**

NOW COMES, the Plaintiff Ryan Christianson, by his undersigned counsel, for his
Answers to Defendant Bicycle Messengers' First Set of Interrogatories answers as follows:

1. State whether Plaintiff ever requested a reasonable accommodation once he returned to
Bicycle Messengers in May 2009.

ANSWER:

Plaintiff states that he never sought a reasonable accommodation because no such
accommodation was necessary. Plaintiff could perform all the essential functions of the jobs just
as he could prior to his accident in March 2008.

2. Please state whether Plaintiff is impaired in his ability to perform major life activities.

ANSWER:

See Plaintiffs Complaint at paragraph 23 that states Plaintiff suffers from a disability in that he
suffers from an impairment—the amputation of his left leg—that substantially limits major life activities
such as walking, running, kneeling, squatting, and driving an automobile.

3. Please state whether Plaintiff ever re-applied for the position of Bicycle Messenger. If so, please state when he applied, to whom he applied, the any correspondence relating from such re-application.

ANSWER:

Plaintiff states that there was no need to “re-apply” for his position inasmuch as he continued to hold the position. He presented himself as ready to return to work on May 9, 2009 when he went to Bicycle Messengers office. At this date, Plaintiff informed the dispatcher that he “would like his job back,” and that Plaintiff wanted to know “what he could do to start working again.”

4. Please state whether Plaintiff was able to perform the essential functions of a bicycle messenger?

ANSWER:

Yes, Plaintiff was able to perform the essential functions of a bicycle messenger. Plaintiff currently wears a prosthetic leg. When the prosthetic leg is connected to Plaintiff, he is able to do nearly everything he was prior to losing said leg, including, *inter alia*, riding a bike, climbing stairs, jogging, and carrying heavy objects Plaintiff wears his prosthetic leg while riding his bicycle, jogging and climbing stairs. Plaintiff has adapted to ther activities, such as swimming, without using his prosthetic leg.

5. State whether Plaintiff made Defendant aware of his intentions to return to Bicycle Messenger prior to arriving at Bicycle Messengers on May 9, 2009.

ANSWER:

No. Plaintiff states that Mr. Blake informed Plaintiff that once he recovered from his injuries that they “would take care of him.” Plaintiff believed this to mean that if he was able to ride as a bicycle messenger again he would be allowed to return to work, and that his job would be held open for him.