



Cascade Athletic Club owner Mark Eisenzimmer claims Buckwalter is welcome to continue using the facility

Eisenzimmer continued to heckle Buckwalter in the presence of other patrons, calling her a man and demanding that Buckwalter leave the club.

Buckwalter says she then explained to Eisenzimmer that his treatment of her was discriminatory, embarrassing, hurtful, illegal and mean. After requesting that he refrain from mistreating her, he allegedly refused and continued to demand that she leave the club.

Buckwalter is seeking \$1 million in damages for violation of the Multnomah County civil rights statute, for intentional infliction of emotional distress and for breach of contract. She also hopes to be reimbursed for her unfulfilled club membership contract, medical bills and attorney fees.

"Defendants' conduct was outrageous and was the direct, proximate and foreseeable cause of Buckwalter's continuing severe emotional distress, mental anguish, humiliation, anxiety, impairment of personal dignity and other non-economic damages," the lawsuit

states. "The defendants' acts constituted an extraordinary transgression of the bounds of socially tolerable conduct."

Mark Eisenzimmer admitted to *The Oregonian* that he asked Buckwalter to show legal proof of her gender. "We have had a situation

before with people cross-dressing using the women's locker room," he said. "We do have a right to ask."

Eisenzimmer claimed Buckwalter can continue to use the facility now that he has confirmed she is legally a woman. "That's fine, and she's welcome here at the club," he said.

Buckwalter's attorney, Lake Perriguy, did not want to comment on specific aspects of the lawsuit. However, he told *Just Out* that Eisenzimmer's olive

branch will likely have no effect on the case.

"Lori at this point is primarily concerned with redressing the effects of discriminatory conduct at Cascade Athletic Club," Perriguy said. "Subsequent remedial measures are always welcome, of course." □

**Buckwalter says Mark Eisenzimmer told her: "I think you are a man, and I don't want you using the women's locker room anymore. I want you out of this club."**

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