

Fayette County

Columbia Gas held guilty of age bias:

A Fayette Circuit Court jury has awarded \$165,377 to a man who claimed he was discriminated against by Columbia Gas of Kentucky because of his age. James M. Wells filed the lawsuit in November 1999, claiming he was due damages for wrongful discharge from employment. Jurors found that Wells' age was a substantial reason that Columbia Gas officials decided to end his employment. Wells was awarded \$115,377 in compensatory damages and \$50,000 in punitive damages.