

# Suit against bank filed in federal court

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Another lawsuit has been filed against Richmond Bank.

John Landreth, a bank employee, filed a lawsuit in federal court Friday.

The suit names Richmond Bank and its holding company, United Bancorp of Kentucky, Inc., as defendants.

In the past year, five lawsuits have been filed against the bank, two by former bank vice-president Bob Puckett, two by Landreth, who is special operations officer for the bank, and one by bank cus-

tomers Jim Blake.

In the most recent suit, Landreth claims bank officials effectually fired him by placing him on administrative leave, prohibiting him from entering bank premises except to conduct personal banking business, and prohibiting him from representing himself as an employee of the bank.

Landreth is still on the bank's payroll.

William Walters, chief executive officer for Richmond Bank, denied the allegations listed in the lawsuit.

Walters said four of the five lawsuits that have been filed

against the bank came after bank officials refused an out-of-court settlement.

In the lawsuit filed Friday, Landreth seeks "front pay in lieu of reinstatement to his rightful place in the workforce of Richmond Bank, compensatory damages for loss of income, embarrassment and humiliation, punitive damages and court costs."

Landreth also claims the bank hindered his employment potential by allowing one of its employees to imply that Landreth had been removed from bank employment "under suspicious circumstances."