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WaPo settles age, race bias lawsuit

The Washington Post quietly settled an age and race discrimination suit filed by former advertising executive **David DeJesus**, who is black and who claimed that discrimination was the reason he was terminated by his white

boss in 2011 after an 18-year career.

The Washington Post said he was fired for "willful neglect of duty and insubordination." A three-judge appeals court last year cleared the way for a jury to hear the case after

reversing a ruling by the lower court that initially tossed the suit.

"A jury could properly conclude that the Washington Post's proffered reason [for the termination of DeJesus] is so unreasonable that it provokes suspi-

cion of pretext," the appeals court said.

The settlement was first reported by Observer.com. **Morris Fischer**, a Washington, DC, employment lawyer not involved in the case, said it is likely that the defendant made a

substantial settlement offer to avoid a trial.

A spokeswoman for the Washington Post, **Kris Coratti**, said she could not comment on the case. Neither DeJesus nor his lawyer, **Cherie Morganroth**, returned calls. *Keith J. Kelly*