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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA – SANTA ANA DIVISION

KAREN SCHATZLE,

Plaintiff,

v.

ANTHONY RACKAUCKAS, et al;

Defendants.

Case No. 8:17-CV-01593-AG-JDE

Assigned for All Purposes to:
Hon. Andrew J. Guilford

[PROPOSED] JUDGMENT

Action Filed:	September 19, 2017
Trial Date:	August 6, 2019
Special Verdict:	August 14, 2019
Ctrm:	10D

On September 19, 2017 Plaintiff Karen Schatzle filed her Complaint against defendants the COUNTY OF ORANGE, SUSAN KANG SCHROEDER, and ANTHONY RACKAUCKAS. Docket ("**Dkt**") No. 1.

On May 22, 2019 the Court GRANTED Summary Judgment in favor of the County of Orange and Schroeder. Dkt No. 82.

On August 6, 2019 trial commenced before a jury of eight (8). Dkt No. 123.

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On August 14, 2019, the jury returned a unanimous special verdict in favor of Defendant Rackauckas and against Plaintiff Schatzle, as follows:

> We the jury, in the above entitled action, unanimously find as follows:
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> **Question No. 1:**
>
> Was plaintiff's candidacy for judge part of her official duties as a public employee?
>
> ___ **YES** **XXX NO**
>
> *The Court has filled in "No," because the parties have already agreed that plaintiff's run for judicial office was not part of her official duties as a public employee. Please answer Question 2, below.*
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> **Question No. 2**
>
> Did Anthony Rackauckas cause plaintiff Karen Schatzle to suffer an adverse employment action?
>
> X **YES** ___ **NO**
>
> *If your answer to Question 2 is "Yes," answer Question 3, below. If your answer to Question 2 is "No," then please have your presiding juror sign and date this form and return same to the clerk.*

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Question No. 3:

Was plaintiff Karen Schatzle's campaign for judicial office a substantial or motivating factor for an adverse employment action undertaken by defendant Anthony Rackauckas?

_____ **YES** X **NO**

If your answer to Question 3 is "Yes", answer Question 4 below. If your answer to Question 3 is "No", then please have the presiding juror sign and date this form and return same to the clerk.

Question No. 4:

Did Plaintiff Karen Schatzle suffer any non-economic damages?

_____ **YES** _____ **NO**

If your answer to Question 4 is "Yes," then proceed to answer Question 5, below. If your answer to Question 4 is "No," then please proceed to Question 6, below.

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Question No. 5:

Plaintiff Karen Schatzle's non-economic damages are $_____.

If Plaintiff suffered no damages, then answer Question 6 below.

Question No. 6:

If you answered "No" to Question 1, and "Yes" to both Questions 2, and 3 above, please answer "YES" to this Question since Plaintiff is entitled to nominal damages not to exceed $1.00.

_____ **YES**

If you have awarded an amount of damages in response to Question 5, please proceed to Question 7, below.

Question No. 7:

Do you find by clear and convincing evidence that that defendant Anthony Rackauckas acted maliciously, oppressively, or in reckless disregard of violating plaintiff's First Amendment Rights?

_____ **YES** _____ **NO**

Please have your Presiding Juror date and sign this verdict form and return it to the clerk.

Dated: 8/14/14

[redacted]
Presiding Juror

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED ADJUDGED, AND DECREED as follows:

1. That Defendants Anthony Rackauckas, Susan Kang Schroeder, and the County of Orange have judgment entered in their favor, and that Plaintiff Karen Schatzle take nothing by way of her Second Amended Complaint against Defendants; and,

2. Defendants Anthony Rackauckas, Susan Kang Schroeder, and the County of Orange may recover their costs of suit in accord with applicable law.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 9/24/19

Hon. Andrew J. Guilford
United States District Court Judge
Central District of California,
Santa Ana Division