

HONORABLE RONALD B. LEIGHTON

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

SHANNA OFFUTT EVANGER,

Plaintiff,

v.

GEORGIA-PACIFIC GYPSUM, LLC,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 17-cv-5521RBL

ORDER DENYING MOTIONS FOR  
SUMMARY JUDGMENT

[Dkts. 26 and 27]

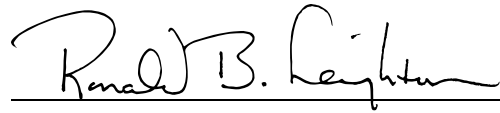
THIS MATTER is before the Court on dueling Motions for Summary Judgment [Dkts. #26 and #27] in an employment situation wrapped or “rapt” in romance. The Court has reviewed the pleadings for and against the motions. Oral argument could not inform the Court further on the rich factual tapestry weaved by the participants to this saga. For the reasons that follow, both motions are DENIED.

The Court has reached tentative impressions of the credibility of some of the players and of the merits of the parties’ arguments. On summary judgment, the Court cannot weigh credibility nor fully appreciate the nuanced positions of the litigants without a trial. These motions were dead on arrival by virtue of the complex “tis” – “taint” story the parties tell in their

1 factual recitations. There are clearly material issues of fact that, when resolved by the trier of  
2 fact, will write the last chapter of this interesting, emotional story.

3 IT IS SO ORDERED.

4 Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2019.

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