

# United States Court of Appeals For the First Circuit

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No. 01-1199

FEDERICO GONZÁLEZ-LARTIGUE,

Plaintiff, Appellant,

v.

TOGO D. WEST, JR., SECRETARY OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,

Defendant, Appellee.

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APPEAL FROM THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

[Hon. Jaime Pieras, Jr., U.S. Senior District Judge]

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Before

Torruella, Circuit Judge,  
Kravitch,\* Senior Circuit Judge,  
and Lynch, Circuit Judge.

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Elaine Rodríguez-Frank, for appellant.

Lisa Bhatia-Gautier, Assistant U.S. Attorney, with whom Guillermo Gil, United States Attorney, Miguel A. Fernández, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Chief, Civil Division, and Fidel A. Sevillano, Assistant U.S. Attorney, were on brief, for appellee.

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\* Of the Eleventh Circuit, sitting by designation.

December 20, 2001

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**Per Curiam.** Appellant Federico González-Lartigue challenges the district court's order granting summary judgment on his claim against the Department of Veterans Affairs for national origin discrimination in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e, et seq.

In a thoughtful and rigorous opinion, the district court concluded that González Lartigue had failed to adduce evidence that the employer's proffered explanation for the employment decision was false or that the employer harbored a discriminatory animus against persons of Puerto Rican ancestry. González Lartigue v. West, 124 F. Supp. 2d 125, 131-34 (D.P.R. 2000). We agree with the district court and have nothing to add to the thorough analysis presented in the district court's opinion.

**Affirmed.**