UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS for the Fifth Circuit

No. 93-2284 Summary Calendar

WINNIE LEA JONES,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

VERSUS

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL,

Defendants-Appellees.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (CA-H-91-3872)

(January 6, 1994)

Before DAVIS, JONES, and DUHÉ, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:¹

Appellant appeals the district court's grant of summary judgment dismissing her race and age discrimination claims against her former employer the Houston Independent School District.

Although pleadings of pro se litigants are entitled to a broad and generous reading, the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure and the procedures of this Court require that a brief give not only the party's contentions but also citations to the authorities and statutes relied upon and parts of the record which support the

¹ Local Rule 47.5 provides: "The publication of opinions that have no precedential value and merely decide particular cases on the basis of well-settled principles of law imposes needless expense on the public and burdens on the legal profession." Pursuant to that Rule, the Court has determined that this opinion should not be published.

party's position. Fed. R. App. P. 28; Local Rule 28. Appellant's brief is devoid of such references and this failure is ground for dismissal of the appeal. <u>Moore v. FDIC</u>, 993 F.2d 106, 107 (5th Cir. 1993); <u>Haugen v. Sutherlin</u>, 804 F.2d 490 (8th Cir. 1986).

Rather than dismiss this appeal, however, we have considered it on the merits. The record as a whole makes it clear that Appellant has not raised an issue of material fact that the management decisions of which she complains were the result of age or racial bias. In fact, much of her own evidence shows that discriminatory factors were not involved in the employment decisions affecting her. Accordingly, the judgment of the district court is

AFFIRMED.

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