

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 93-3514

JOSEPH STEPHENS,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

versus

ASSOCIATED FINANCIAL SERVICES,

Defendant-Appellee.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the
Eastern District of Louisiana
(CA-93-577-N-5)

(March 7, 1994)

Before GARWOOD and JOLLY, Circuit Judges and DUPLANTIER*, District
Judge.**

PER CURIAM:

We affirm essentially for the reasons given by the district
court. *See also Reeder v. Succession of Palmer*, 623 So.2d 1268,
1271-72 (La. 1993); *Johnson v. Continental Slip Form Builders,*
Inc., 449 So.2d 56 (La. App. 1984). We deny appellant's request

* District Judge of the Eastern District of Louisiana, sitting
by designation.

** 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should not be published.

for certification, as this is not a case of great importance and the governing general principles of law are sufficiently clear, the only issue being their application to this discrete case. We deny appellee's request for sanctions under Fed. R. App. P. 38; sanctions are particularly unwarranted in light of the relative newness of La. Rev. Stat. 13:4231.

AFFIRMED