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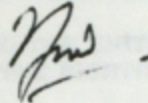
February 17, 1988

Re: No. 86-772 - St. Louis v. Praprotnik

Dear Sandra:

I would be pleased to join your opinion.

Sincerely,



Justice O'Connor

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Respondent James K. Praprotnik is an architect who began working for petitioner St. Louis in 1960. For several years, respondent was highly regarded through evaluations of his job performance, productivity, and professional and significant business interests. In 1980, he was acting as a manager in charge of the design department at petitioner's Community Development Center. Respondent had previously been a re-employment candidate for petitioner's professional employees, including architects, before taking on private employment. In April 1980, respondent was suspended for 15 days by petitioner's Director of Urban Design, Charles Kindsberger, on having accepted outside employment without prior approval. Respondent appealed to the City's Civil Service Commission, a body charged with reviewing employee grievances. Finding the penalty too harsh, the Commission reversed the suspension, awarded re-