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Georgia Lottery Corporation v. Vasaya

Court of Appeals of Georgia - October 31, 2019 - S.E.2d - 2019 WL 5616681

Lottery player initiated breach of contract action against State lottery corporation and filed motion for summary judgment.

The Superior Court granted motion for summary judgment and awarded player attorney fees and expenses. Corporation appealed.

The Court of Appeals held that:

- Lottery ticket constituted express waiver of sovereign immunity of corporation;
- Summary judgment testimony of corporation's validation manager was too speculative to support inference that player was not bona fide purchaser;
- Trial court lacked authority to award attorney fees; and
- Player's demand for interest sufficiently demanded prejudgment interest.

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