

Job row mum wins £5,500



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■ AWARD... Linda Adams said her dignity was at stake.

A FORMER office worker has won £5,500 from Coventry University for unfair dismissal.

Linda Adams, of Hinckley Road, Walsgrave, worked as a temporary registry assistant at the university from June 2005 to March 2007.

She claimed she was promised a permanent contract in front of her co-workers to convince her to turn down a job offer from Coventry City Council in September 2005. But instead she was only given a succes-

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sion of six-month contracts, the last of which was allowed to expire when another worker returned from maternity leave.

Mrs Adams, 51, said: "The last week after I found out I was going to be let go was very humiliating.

"The management didn't really speak to me - I felt like I had been sent to Coventry."

Birmingham Employment Tribunal ruled that Mrs Adams, a former nurse who

now works as a school medical officer, had been unfairly dismissed.

Mrs Adams was awarded £5,550 and reached a separate settlement with the university for £350 of holiday pay she was owed.

"It was never about the money," said the mother of three, who said the tribunal had made her so nervous she had been unable to eat or sleep during the three days the hearing lasted.

"I wanted to get my dignity back and I wanted to prove I wasn't lying when I said they

had promised me a permanent contract."

Mrs Adams' solicitor Baljit Ruprah, of Ward and Rider, said: "I have nothing but respect for Linda - it can be extremely daunting to fight for justice against your former employer."

A Coventry University spokesperson said: "The university does not comment on matters of a personnel nature. However in light of the judgment, we will be setting up a meeting our legal representatives to review the situation."