

## Case Study 1

# Hardworking Employee Undergoing Office Politics and Finally Quitting Her Job

### **Background:**

Simran was a hardworking employee at a software company, where she had been working for the past four years. During this time, she had proven to be a dedicated and efficient worker, earning praise from both her colleagues and superiors. She had even been nominated for the "Employee of the Year" award twice, but had not won due to internal politics within the company.

#### **Problem:**

However, despite her excellent performance, Simran began to notice that she was not being promoted or given the recognition she deserved. She started to feel that there was a lot of internal politics within the company, and that some of her colleagues were trying to undermine her work to make themselves look better. She was frustrated by the lack of transparency and fairness in the promotion process, and felt that her hard work was not being appreciated.

#### **Solution:**

Simran tried to address the situation by talking to her boss and HR, but she felt that her concerns were not taken seriously. She also tried to confront her colleagues, but they denied any wrongdoing and even accused her of being too competitive and aggressive. As the situation continued to deteriorate, Simran's stress levels began to increase, affecting her work and personal life.

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#### **Outcome:**

Finally, after months of struggling with office politics and feeling unsupported, Simran decided to resign from her job. She felt that it was not worth staying in a toxic environment where her hard work was not recognized and appreciated, and where she was constantly undermined and undervalued. Although it was a difficult decision, she felt that it was the right one for her mental health and career growth.

#### **Conclusion:**

Simran's case highlights the negative impact of office politics on hardworking employees. Despite her dedication and achievements, she was not able to succeed in a workplace where politics and favoritism dominated the promotion process. It also highlights the importance of addressing and confronting these issues early on, and the need for companies to create a transparent and fair work culture that rewards merit and hard work.

Note: Names have been changed or masked to protect the identities of the individuals involved and maintain confidentiality."