

Disinformation Researcher Who Led Now-Defunct DHS Unit Sues Fox News for Defamation

In “Disinformation Researcher Who Led Now-Defunct DHS Unit Sues Fox News for Defamation” (*CNN*, May 10, 2023), prominent disinformation researcher Nina Jankowicz has filed a defamation lawsuit against Fox News, accusing the right-wing network of a “malicious campaign of destruction.” Jankowicz, who briefly served as the head of the now-defunct Disinformation Governance Board in the Biden administration, alleges that Fox News repeatedly lied about her, leading to violent threats against her. The lawsuit claims that Fox intentionally trafficked in malicious falsehoods for profit, causing irreparable harm to Jankowicz’s safety and reputation.

“Over the course of eight months in 2022, Fox talked about Jankowicz more than 300 times,” the lawsuit states, highlighting the extent of the alleged defamation. Fox News hosts and commentators derided and lied about Jankowicz, falsely asserting that she had been fired from the board and intended to censor Americans’ speech. The lawsuit asserts that none of Fox’s false claims were the result of honest mistakes, and the network knowingly peddled lies.

“Fox’s obsessive defamation of Nina’s character and professionalism unleashed a torrent of abuse which has caused her irreparable harm both personally and professionally,” says attorney Rylee Sommers-Flanagan. “We look forward to litigating this case in Delaware and to sending a strong message on behalf of millions of sane Americans that no one – not even Fox News – is shielded from the consequences of knowingly peddling lies.”

The lawsuit was filed in the Superior Court of the State of Delaware by Pollock Cohen LLP, Upper Seven Law, and Farnan LLP.

At Pollock Cohen, counsel Max Rodriguez is representing Nina Jankowicz.

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