

Former DHS Disinformation Expert Sues Fox News Alleging Defamation

In “Former DHS Disinformation Expert Sues Fox News Alleging Defamation” (NBC News, May 10, 2023), Law.com covers the defamation lawsuit filed against Fox News Network and Fox Corporation in Delaware state court by Pollock Cohen, Farnan LLP, and Upper Seven Law on behalf of Nina Jankowicz, the former executive director of the former Department of Homeland Security’s Disinformation Governance Board.

Jankowicz alleges that Fox News' portrayal of her and her role subjected her to violent threats and insults, with the network deliberately spreading lies about her. In the suit, her attorneys assert that Fox News' coverage was "cheap, easy entertainment untethered from the facts" aimed at convincing viewers that Jankowicz intended to suppress their speech.

Fox News allegedly portrayed her as a censor of Americans' speech, resorting to derogatory terms like "unhinged" and "Minister of Truth." The lawsuit includes evidence of threatening comments on various platforms, including calls for violence against Jankowicz and her family.

Jankowicz's lawyers argue that the network's coverage has tarnished her reputation and deterred others from collaborating with her. The suit highlights the "completely false reputation concerning government censorship" created by Fox News based on verifiable falsehoods.

"Fox's coverage of Jankowicz was neither news nor political commentary; it was cheap, easy entertainment untethered from the facts, designed to make consumers believe that Jankowicz could and would suppress their speech."

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

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