
New Defamation Suit Against Fox Signals Continued Legal Threat

In “New Defamation Suit Against Fox Signals Continued Legal Threat” (New York Times, May 11, 2023), New York Times covers the defamation lawsuit filed against Fox News Network and Fox Corporation 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.

The New York Times article notes that Ms. Jankowicz was “assigned with coordinating efforts to monitor and address disinformation threats to national security. Right-wing pundits and politicians falsely portrayed her group as part of an Orwellian bid to control the speech and thought of ordinary Americans.” As a result, Ms. Jankowicz, a prominent specialist in Russian disinformation and online harassment became the primary subject of attacks by the network and Fox hosts including Tucker Carlson, Maria Bartiromo, and Sean Hannity.

Ms. Jankowicz resigned from her role at the Disinformation Governance Board to escape the attacks and disinformation peddled by Fox and its hosts.

“Even after achieving their stated goal of driving me out of government and ending the board, they kept using me as a punching bag,” Ms. Jankowicz said in an interview to the New York Times on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. “It shouldn’t be something we just accept — that the most powerful cable network in the world can attack individuals willy-nilly and not face any consequences after they ruin their lives.”

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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