

Ex-head of DHS Disinformation Office Sues Fox News

In “Ex-head of DHS Disinformation Office Sues Fox News” (The Hill, May 11, 2023), the focus shifts to the head of the short-lived Department of Homeland Security (DHS) disinformation board, Nina Jankowicz, as she launches a defamation suit against Fox News with the support of Pollock Cohen LLP, Upper Seven Law, and Farnan LLP. Jankowicz alleges that the network published false reports about her, endangering her life.

Despite the board never holding a meeting, it faced heavy criticism from the GOP and garnered extensive coverage from Fox News. The suit highlights how Fox hosts and commentators, in over 300 mentions, continuously defamed Jankowicz with nicknames like “disinfo overlord” and “minister of truth,” falsely asserting that she intended to censor speech.

As Jankowicz's resignation from government due to the board's uncertain future did not shield her from continued attacks, the article reveals the personal toll the false coverage has taken on her and her family, including doxing, threats, harassment, and cyberstalking. In a powerful statement, Jankowicz's lawsuit asserts, “Fox’s defamatory coverage has caused Jankowicz and her family immense suffering... [they] enfolded these lies in ugly language that could have no other purpose than to denigrate Jankowicz’s character and professional reputation.”

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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