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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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BLAKE LIVELY,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CASE NO. 24-CV-10049-LJL (LEAD CASE)

25-CV-449 (LJL) (MEMBER CASE)

WAYFARER STUDIOS LLC, ET AL.

Defendants.

JENNIFER ABEL,

Third-party Plaintiff,

vs.

JONESWORKS, LLC,

Third-party Defendant.

WAYFARER STUDIOS LLC, et al.

Consolidated Plaintiffs,

vs.

BLAKE LIVELY, et al.

Consolidated Defendants.

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VIDEO-RECORDED DEPOSITION OF JENNIFER ABEL

Los Angeles, California

Friday, September 26, 2025

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CALIFORNIA CSR No. 12019

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Video-recorded Deposition of

JENNIFER ABEL, taken on behalf of the Plaintiff

Blake Lively, Pursuant to Notice, at the offices of

Willkie Farr & Gallagher, 2029 Century Park East,

Los Angeles, California beginning at 9:12 a.m. and

ending at 6:52 p.m. on Friday, September 26, 2025,

before me, ASHLEY SOEVYN, California Certified

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8 Jonathan Bach, Esq. (Via Zoom)

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1 BY MR. GOTTLIEB:

2 Q Okay. So other than what you've
3 discussed with your counsel, you do not have an
4 understanding of how Mr. Reynolds extorted you?

5 A Again, I'm hesitant to speak to something
6 that might be privileged. So...

7 Q Okay. I'm asking you, other than the
8 conversations you had with your lawyers, do you know
9 anything, as you sit here today, about how it is
10 that Mr. Reynolds extorted you?

11 MR. FREEDMAN: And, again, I'll instruct
12 you not to answer anything that's attorney-client
13 privilege, anything that we've discussed.

14 THE WITNESS: I -- I -- it falls under
15 this.

16 BY MR. GOTTLIEB:

17 Q And I will ask you the same question
18 about Ms. Lively. How did Ms. Lively extort you?

19 MR. FREEDMAN: Same instruction.

20 THE WITNESS: I believe it's under the
21 same provision.

22 BY MR. GOTTLIEB:

23 Q You sued both Ms. Lively and Mr. Reynolds
24 for defamation; is that right?

25 A Yes.

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1 A Outside of what I discussed with my
2 lawyers and been made aware of with my lawyers, I
3 believe that is one of the things that he has
4 participated in. In addition to the correspondence
5 and such that we have -- that's been made available
6 to me and during this discovery.

7 Q All right. Ms. Abel, as a pure factual
8 matter, are you aware of any statement that
9 Ryan Reynolds has ever -- a statement, something he
10 said, ever, about you?

11 MR. FREEDMAN: Again, I will instruct you
12 not to answer as to the content of that statement.
13 You can say yes or no, but not what you've learned
14 from counsel.

15 THE WITNESS: It's hard to answer it
16 based on what we've learned from counsel.

17 MR. FREEDMAN: Again, if you've gotten
18 that information as a result of discovery in this
19 case from me and that we've discussed this or any
20 other lawyer --

21 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.

22 MR. FREEDMAN: -- I will instruct you not
23 to answer.

24 THE WITNESS: Okay. I cannot answer.
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1 BY MR. GOTTLIEB:

2 Q Okay. So I -- for the purposes of having
3 a clear record --

4 A Uh-huh.

5 Q -- other than what you may have learned
6 in conversations with your lawyers, you cannot
7 identify for me any statement that Mr. Reynolds has
8 ever made about you; is that right?

9 MR. FREEDMAN: Same instruction.

10 THE WITNESS: Outside of what I've
11 learned from my lawyers, I can't recall a statement
12 that he has made about me personally, publicly.

13 BY MR. GOTTLIEB:

14 Q You sued Ms. Lively and Mr. Reynolds for
15 intentional interference with contractual relations;
16 is that correct?

17 A Yes.

18 Q What contract that you're aware of did
19 Mr. Reynolds -- of yours -- did Mr. Reynolds
20 interfere with?

21 MR. FREEDMAN: Same instruction.

22 THE WITNESS: I'm not able to answer that
23 without divulging privileged communications.

24 BY MR. GOTTLIEB:

25 Q Let me try this another way.

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1 A Sure.

2 Q Have you ever had a contract with
3 Ryan Reynolds?

4 A With Ryan Reynolds, no.

5 Q Have you ever had a contract with
6 Ms. Lively?

7 A No.

8 Q Okay. As you sit here today, are you
9 aware of any contract that you have ever had with
10 anyone that Mr. Reynolds or Ms. Lively interfered
11 with?

12 MR. FREEDMAN: That's just a yes or a no.
13 Otherwise, I'll instruct you not to answer what
14 we've discussed.

15 THE WITNESS: I'm not able to answer that
16 without divulging attorney privileged
17 communications.

18 BY MR. GOTTLIEB:

19 Q Ms. Abel, you have -- I'm going to talk a
20 little about your communications devices and
21 practices.

22 How many email accounts did you -- have
23 you used between, let's call it January of 2024 to
24 the present? Can you list the email accounts that
25 you've used?

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure

Rule 30

(e) Review By the Witness; Changes.

(1) Review; Statement of Changes. On request by the deponent or a party before the deposition is completed, the deponent must be allowed 30 days after being notified by the officer that the transcript or recording is available in which:

(A) to review the transcript or recording; and

(B) if there are changes in form or substance, to sign a statement listing the changes and the reasons for making them.

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