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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

3 BLAKE LIVELY,)
4 PLAINTIFF) CASE NO.
5) 1:24-CV-10049-LJL
6 VS.) (CONSOLIDATED WITH
7) 1:25-CV-00449-LJL
8 WAYFARER STUDIOS LLC,)
9 JUSTIN BALDONI, JAMEY)
10 HEATH, STEVE SAROWITZ,)
11 IT ENDS WITH US MOVIE)
12 LLC, MELISSA NATHAN,)
13 THE AGENCY GROUP PR)
14 LLC, AND JENNIFER ABEL,)
DEFENDANTS)

15 JENNIFER ABEL,)
16 THIRD-PARTY)
17 PLAINTIFF)
18 VS.)
19)
20 JONESWORKS LLC)
21 THIRD-PARTY)
22 DEFENDANT)

23 ORAL AND VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF JED WALLACE
24 OCTOBER 10
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17 ORAL AND VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF JED WALLACE,
18 produced as a witness at the instance of the Jonesworks
19 and duly sworn, was taken in the above styled and
20 numbered cause on Friday, October 10, 2025, from 9:06
21 a.m. to 2:25 p.m., before Janalyn Elkins, CSR, in and
22 for the State of Texas, reported by computerized
23 stenotype machine, at the offices of Jackson Walker, 100
24 Congress Avenue, Suite 1100, Austin, Texas, pursuant to
25 the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and any provisions
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1 VIDEOGRAPHER: Good morning. We are going
2 on the record at 9:06 a.m. Central Standard Time on
3 October 10, 2025. This is Media Unit 1 of the
4 video-recorded deposition of Jed Wallace taken by
5 counsel for the Plaintiff in the matter of Stephanie
6 Jones, et al. versus Jennifer Abel, et al. Filed in the
7 United States District Court for the Southern District
8 of New York, Case No. 125-CV-00779-LJL. The location of
9 the deposition is 100 Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas.
10 My name is Timothy Desadier representing Veritext, and I
11 am the videographer. The court reporter is Janalyn
12 Elkins from the firm Veritext.

13 Counsel and all present will now state
14 their appearances and affiliations for the record,
15 beginning with the noticing attorney.

16 MS. TAHLER: Kristin Tahler from Quinn
17 Emanuel for Stephanie Jones and Jonesworks.

18 MS. ANASTASIO: Morgan Anastasio, Quinn
19 Emanuel for the same.

20 MR. GOTTLIEB: Mike Gottlieb from Willkie
21 Farr & Gallagher on behalf of Ms. Lively.

22 MS. TAUSTINE: Melissa Taustine from
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25 on behalf of Ms. Lively.

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1 MR. COOLEY: Miles Cooley and Theresa
2 Troupson, Liner Freedman Taitelman + Cooley on behalf of
3 the Wayfarer Defendants.

4 MR. BABCOCK: Chip Babcock with Jackson
5 Walker on behalf of the witness.

6 JED WALLACE,
7 having been duly sworn, testified as follows:

8 MR. BABCOCK: Kristin, do we want this
9 confidential or do you care?

10 MS. TAHLER: Yeah, no, I think -- I think
11 we should designate it confidential.

12 MR. BABCOCK: Okay. And -- and I believe
13 there's an -- an agreement that the deposition will last
14 no longer than four hours.

15 MS. TAHLER: Yes, there's that agreement.

16 MR. BABCOCK: Okay.

17 MS. TAHLER: And there may be moments of
18 AEO, but it doesn't look like that's going to be an
19 issue today, because I don't think we have any clients
20 on.

21 MR. BABCOCK: Great. Perfect.

22 EXAMINATION

23 Q. (BY MS. TAHLER) All right. Good morning,
24 Mr. Wallace.

25 A. Good morning.

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1 Katie Case?

2 A. I don't recall.

3 Q. Was it within the last year?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Within the last five years?

6 A. Yeah, I don't recall.

7 Q. About how many times do you recall

8 communicating with Katie Case?

9 A. I -- I have no idea.

10 Q. Did you work with Katie Case in connection with
11 work that you did for [REDACTED]?

12 A. Not that I recall.

13 Q. Do you recall Katie Case having any involvement
14 in work that you did for [REDACTED]?

15 A. Not that I recall.

16 Q. Is it possible?

17 A. I'd need more details. I'm not certain.

18 Q. What about [REDACTED] did Katie
19 Case have any -- did you do any work related to [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED] with Katie Case?

21 MR. COOLEY: Objection.

22 THE WITNESS: Yeah, not that I recall.

23 Q. (BY MS. TAHLER) Do you recall being on a
24 Signal chat with Katie Case and Melissa Nathan in August
25 of 2024?

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1 if requested?

2 MR. COOLEY: Objection.

3 THE WITNESS: I -- I cannot do that.

4 Q. (BY MS. TAHLER) Do you know people who can do
5 that?

6 MR. COOLEY: Objection.

7 THE WITNESS: Not that I recall.

8 Q. (BY MS. TAHLER) We're going to mark a couple
9 of exhibits now, so bear with me while we go through
10 that.

11 A. Okay.

12 MS. ANASTASIO: We're at 41.

13 THE REPORTER: 42.

14 MS. ANASTASIO: 42. So this will be 42.

15 (Exhibit Nos. 42-46 were marked.)

16 Q. (BY MS. TAHLER) Mr. Wallace, you've been
17 handed several exhibits. Before we get into the details
18 of the exhibits, are you familiar generally that in
19 May 2024, a website and a number of social media
20 accounts that were unfavorable to Stephanie Jones
21 appeared online?

22 A. I don't know the specifics, but I've heard
23 that.

24 Q. Where did you hear that from?

25 A. I believe the lawsuit. And early on, a

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1 conversation with Stephanie.

2 Q. You've been handed a printout of the website
3 that I'm referring to, a second website that was put up,
4 and then a Twitter account, a Facebook account, and a
5 Pinterest account, all that link back to that website.

6 Have you seen these documents before
7 online?

8 A. Can -- can I read through them?

9 Q. Yeah. I'm not going to ask you detailed
10 questions about the website, so you don't have to --

11 A. Okay.

12 Q. -- read the whole thing. But if you want to
13 familiarize yourself.

14 A. Okay. Thanks.

15 Q. Mr. Wallace, you've just reviewed Exhibits 42
16 through 46, which are a series of websites and negative
17 social media accounts about Stephanie Jones.

18 Have you seen these documents online before
19 today?

20 A. I did see this website.

21 Q. You did see Exhibit 42?

22 A. I believe so.

23 Q. When did you see Exhibit 42?

24 A. I don't recall.

25 Q. Were you involved in the creation of

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1 Exhibit 42?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Were you involved at all in getting Exhibit 42
4 online?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Were you involved at all in the copy that is
7 drafted for Exhibit 42?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Did you contribute to its existence in any way?

10 A. No.

11 Q. We've discussed Katie Case earlier,
12 Mr. Wallace. Are you aware that Katie Case testified in
13 this matter?

14 A. I don't know the specifics. I'm aware she
15 testified.

16 Q. Have you reviewed her testimony?

17 A. I have not.

18 Q. You understand Ms. Case testified under oath
19 under penalty of perjury, do you?

20 A. Okay, yeah.

21 Q. Like you are today?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And I will represent to you -- were you on a
24 Signal chat with Ms. Case and Ms. Nathan in 2024, in May
25 of 2024?

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1 (Brief recess.)

2 VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on the record. Time is
3 10:08.

4 Q. (BY MS. TAHLER) Mr. Wallace, when we broke, we
5 were looking at a series of websites and social media
6 accounts related to Ms. Jones. Could you look at what's
7 been marked as Exhibit 44?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Exhibit 44 is a series of tweets related to the
10 stephaniejonesleaks website.

11 Do you see that?

12 A. Tweets or accounts?

13 Q. Accounts. Apologies.

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Did you have any involvement of any tweets that
16 went into this -- that were posted onto any of those
17 accounts?

18 MR. COOLEY: Objection, form.

19 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I did not.

20 Q. (BY MS. TAHLER) Ms. Case testified that she
21 drafted tweets about Ms. Jones and posted to one of
22 those sites. Are you aware of that?

23 A. I am not.

24 Q. Did you have any involvement with Ms. Case in
25 tweets that were posted to any of those accounts?

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1 A. I did not.

2 Q. I'll represent to you that Katie Case testified
3 that she spoke with you in connection with the tweets.
4 Does that refresh any recollection that you worked with
5 Ms. Case in connection with tweets that were posted to
6 any of the accounts in Exhibit 44?

7 MR. BABCOCK: Objection.

8 THE WITNESS: It does not.

9 Q. (BY MS. TAHLER) Mr. Wallace, are you -- is it
10 your testimony today that if Katie Case testified under
11 oath that she spoke to you in connection with tweets
12 that were posted to one of the accounts in Exhibit 44
13 that Ms. Case gave false under-oath testimony?

14 MR. BABCOCK: Objection.

15 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I have no idea what her
16 testimony was.

17 MR. COOLEY: Same.

18 THE WITNESS: Can't answer that.

19 Q. (BY MS. TAHLER) I'm representing to you that
20 Ms. Case testified that she worked with you in
21 connection with tweets that were posted to one of the
22 accounts at Exhibit 44. And I'm asking you if it is
23 your testimony that Ms. Case testified about that
24 falsely?

25 MR. BABCOCK: Objection.

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1 MR. COOLEY: Same.

2 THE WITNESS: I can't speak to that.

3 Q. (BY MS. TAHLER) So Ms. Case's testimony could
4 be accurate; is that right?

5 MR. BABCOCK: Objection.

6 MR. COOLEY: Same.

7 THE WITNESS: I can't answer that.

8 Q. (BY MS. TAHLER) It's possible that Ms. Case
9 spoke to you about tweets that were posted to one of the
10 accounts in Exhibit 44?

11 A. I don't recall.

12 Q. So it's possible?

13 A. I can't answer that.

14 Q. You can answer yes or no if it's possible.

15 MR. BABCOCK: Objection.

16 THE WITNESS: I -- I don't --

17 MR. COOLEY: Joining.

18 THE WITNESS: -- have all the details. I'm
19 not certain how to answer that.

20 Q. (BY MS. TAHLER) There are no more details to
21 give. I'm simply asking you yes or no. Is it possible
22 that Katie Case spoke to you about tweets that were
23 posted to one of the accounts in Exhibit 44?

24 MR. COOLEY: Objection.

25 MR. BABCOCK: Same objection.

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1 Q. (BY MS. TAHLER) You're not certain whether or
2 not a website [REDACTED] and a website
3 stephaniejonesleaks are similar?

4 MR. COOLEY: Objection.

5 MR. BABCOCK: Objection.

6 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I -- I don't know.
7 That's a broad statement. They both have URL addresses.

8 Q. (BY MS. TAHLER) Okay. Mr. Wallace, Katie Case
9 wrote the copy for Exhibit 51; isn't that right?

10 A. I don't know.

11 Q. Sitting here today, do you believe it's
12 possible that Ms. Case wrote the copy for Exhibit 41?

13 MR. COOLEY: Objection.

14 MR. BABCOCK: Objection.

15 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I can't speak to that.
16 I'm not sure.

17 Q. (BY MS. TAHLER) And you were involved in
18 creating Exhibit 51 as well; isn't that right?

19 A. That is not right.

20 Q. You had no involvement in Exhibit 51?

21 MR. COOLEY: I'm sorry. One second.
22 Objection.

23 THE WITNESS: Could you repeat the
24 question, please?

25 Q. (BY MS. TAHLER) Yes. Did you have any

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1 involvement in what came to be Exhibit 51?

2 MR. COOLEY: Objection.

3 THE WITNESS: I did not.

4 Q. (BY MS. TAHLER) Did you have any discussions
5 with anyone related to what would become Exhibit 51?

6 MR. COOLEY: Objection.

7 THE WITNESS: Not that I recall.

8 Q. (BY MS. TAHLER) Did you ever discuss
9 Exhibit 51 with Ms. Nathan?

10 A. Not that I recall.

11 Q. What about Roza Kalantari?

12 A. Not that I recall.

13 MS. ANASTASIO: This will be 52.

14 (Exhibit No. 52 was marked.)

15 Q. (BY MS. TAHLER) Mr. Wallace, you are now
16 reviewing what's been marked as KCase-several zeros-4949
17 through 4962. This is a communication, sir, between
18 Ms. Case and Ms. Nathan. You are not on the
19 communication, but you are referenced in it. So if
20 you'd like to review it, I'm going to have some
21 questions.

22 A. Okay.

23 Q. Mr. Wallace, have you ever seen Exhibit 52
24 before today?

25 A. What exhibit? The entire exhibit?

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1 behalf?

2 A. No, I don't know. I can't answer one way or
3 the other. I don't recall.

4 Q. And I'm just asking yes or no. Is it possible
5 that you did some sort of work on their behalf?

6 MR. BABCOCK: Objection.

7 MR. COOLEY: Join.

8 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I -- I can't answer
9 that. I'm not certain.

10 Q. (BY MS. TAHLER) Mr. Wallace, did you work on a
11 website related to [REDACTED] ?

12 A. I did not.

13 MS. ANASTASIO: 63.

14 (Exhibit No. 63 was marked.)

15 MS. ANASTASIO: This will be 63.

16 Q. (BY MS. TAHLER) Mr. Wallace, you're now
17 reviewing what's been marked as Exhibit 63. It is a
18 website available at [REDACTED]

19 Do you see that?

20 A. Yeah, I'm reviewing now.

21 Q. I'm not going to ask you any detailed questions
22 about it, sir.

23 A. Okay, yeah.

24 Q. Mr. Wallace, are you aware that this website
25 came online around [REDACTED] ?

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1 A. I am not.

2 Q. At the time, [REDACTED]
3 [REDACTED]. Are you aware of
4 that?

5 A. I'm not aware of their story.

6 Q. Are you aware whether or not Katie Case had any
7 role in drafting the copy for this website?

8 A. I don't know that.

9 Q. Katie Case testified under oath that she
10 performed work in connection with [REDACTED]
11 with you and Melissa Nathan -- Nathan. Does that
12 refresh your recollection that you did some work in
13 connection with [REDACTED] in connection
14 with Ms. Case?

15 MR. BABCOCK: Objection.

16 MR. COOLEY: Join.

17 THE WITNESS: Yeah, it does not.

18 Q. (BY MS. TAHLER) Do you recall doing any work
19 for [REDACTED] with Ms. Case?

20 A. I don't recall.

21 Q. Do you have any basis to dispute Ms. Case's
22 under-oath testimony?

23 MR. BABCOCK: Objection.

24 MR. COOLEY: Objection.

25 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I can't do that. Same

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1 as earlier answers, not one way or the other.

2 Q. (BY MS. TAHLER) Sitting here today, do you
3 have any basis to dispute Ms. Case's under-oath
4 testimony?

5 MR. COOLEY: Same objection.

6 MR. BABCOCK: Objection.

7 THE WITNESS: I -- I don't know what her
8 testimony was, nor do I have any basis to answer that
9 question.

10 Q. (BY MS. TAHLER) I'm just telling you -- I'm
11 representing to you that Ms. Case testified that she
12 performed work related to [REDACTED] with
13 you and Melissa. And I'm asking yes or no. Do you have
14 any basis to dispute that under-oath testimony?

15 MR. BABCOCK: Object to the question.

16 MR. COOLEY: Same.

17 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I can't answer that. I
18 don't have all the circumstances.

19 Q. (BY MS. TAHLER) Can you tell me what
20 circumstances you would need?

21 MR. BABCOCK: Objection.

22 MR. COOLEY: Join.

23 THE WITNESS: No, I can't.

24 Q. (BY MS. TAHLER) Mr. Wallace, do you recall our
25 discussing earlier [REDACTED]?

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATION

DEPOSITION OF JED WALLACE

TAKEN OCTOBER 10, 2025

I, Janalyn Elkins, Certified Shorthand
Reporter in and for the State of Texas, hereby certify
to the following:

That the witness, JED WALLACE, was duly sworn
by the officer and that the transcript of the oral
deposition is a true record of the testimony given by
the witness;

That the original deposition was delivered to
KRISTIN TAHLER;

That a copy of this certificate was served on
all parties and/or the witness shown herein on
_____.

I further certify that pursuant to FRCP No.
30(f)(i) that the signature of the deponent was not
requested by the deponent or a party before the
completion of the deposition.

I further certify that I am neither counsel
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the action in which this proceeding was taken, and
further that I am not financially or otherwise

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1 interested in the outcome of the action.

2 Certified to by me this 11th day of October
3 2025.

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