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Statement of Gloria Allred

Today we had a hearing in Los Angeles County Superior Court Santa Monica in our case of Judy Huth v. William H. Cosby. We were there because Mr. Cosby was seeking to stay (freeze) Ms. Huth's civil lawsuit against him from moving forward until such time as the criminal case now pending against him in Pennsylvania is resolved. Ms. Huth alleges in her lawsuit that she was 15 years old when she became the victim of Mr. Cosby's sexual misconduct at the Playboy Mansion. We opposed Mr. Cosby's motion to stay our entire case from moving forward and we won a major victory because the court refused to grant the draconian remedy sought by Mr. Cosby of stopping all discovery in this case until Mr. Cosby's criminal case is resolved.

The judge has carefully tried to balance our client's right to proceed while recognizing Mr. Cosby's concerns in his criminal case, but the court also recognized that this criminal case could potentially drag on for years. The judge decided to allow us to proceed with third party depositions even though the criminal case is pending. For example, we have noticed Mr. Hugh Hefner's deposition in our lawsuit and the court has now ruled that we are permitted to proceed to take his deposition. We have also noticed the deposition of Renita Hill for April 8, 2016, and we will be proceeding to take that deposition as well.

Although the court has ordered Mr. Cosby to appear for his second deposition in our lawsuit, the court did stay the taking of his second deposition while his criminal case is pending. However, the court has indicated that we will be permitted to come back to court to revisit this issue of when Mr. Cosby's second deposition can take place depending on the status of the criminal case. The court has recognized that the criminal case might take a long time to conclude but the court has also indicated that it would like to move our civil lawsuit along and potentially have the trial in our case in 2017.

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