Response to the New York Court of Appeals Decision in Davis v. Boheim

This is a great victory for our clients, Bobby Davis and Michael Lang.

The decision by New York’s highest court, the New York Court of Appeals, reverses the lower court’s opinion and vindicates our position that the statements made by James Boheim, Syracuse University’s Head Basketball Coach, made in response to our client’s allegations that they had been molested by Associate Basketball Coach Bernie Fine are not pure opinion and are actionable.

This means that our case is reinstated and that our clients can have their day in court.

This is an important day for all victims of child sexual abuse and sends a message to those who call them liars that they act at their peril, that they can be sued for defamation and that they cannot hide behind an excuse that they are just giving their opinion.

It is an important decision because it affords more rights and protections to courageous victims of child sexual abuse who refuse to suffer in silence. We are very proud of the outstanding legal work that our co-counsel Mariann Wang has done on this case.

We look forward to proceeding with our lawsuit and we will vigorously prosecute it.