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Statement of Gloria Allred

On Friday, July 7, 2017, President Trump filed his motion seeking to dismiss the lawsuit that Summer Zervos filed against him in which she alleged that the President defamed her when he was a candidate running for the office of President.

In his brief he argues that the allegations against him are “false”, and that the litigation is “meritless”, but rather than have a jury decide those issues President Trump urges the Court to dismiss the case thereby preventing the jury from making these determinations.

President Trump should have to defend what he said in a trial in a Court of law, rather than just expecting everyone to accept his denials as gospel.

In our legal system it is not up to Mr. Trump to determine what is true. Rather, it is for a jury to decide.

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled in the case of Jones v. Clinton that no man is above the law, including the President of the United States (for unofficial acts).

Ms. Zervos’s lawsuit alleges that Mr. Trump’s defamation of her was an unofficial act which occurred prior to his being elected President.

Mr. Trump attempts to distinguish Jones vs. Clinton by arguing that it was wrongly decided, and also that the decision should not apply to him, because Ms. Zervos filed her case in state court.

We believe that President Trump should be accountable for his statements. No one enjoys a license to defame based on power, wealth or privilege.

In his brief President Trump questions my motives and those of Ms. Zervos. Our motive is simple. We believe that truth matters.

We will file our legal response to President Trump’s motion on August 11, 2017. We look forward to a hearing on this case.
