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## **Statement of Gloria Allred**

Today, we are very happy to announce one of the largest sexual harassment punitive damage awards in American legal history.

Our law firm, Allred, Maroko and Goldberg, represented Mahim Khan against billionaire Alki David.

Our client, Ms. Khan, sued her employer, Alki David, alleging sexual battery, battery and sexual harassment. Recently, a Los Angeles County jury returned a verdict for our client, Ms. Khan, in which they decided that Alki David should pay Ms. Khan 8 million 250 thousand dollars in compensatory damages. They also found that Mr. David acted with malice towards Ms. Khan, making her eligible for an award of punitive damages. We asked the jury to return a verdict of 50 million dollars in punitive damages.

We are thrilled to announce that they did decide to deliver that requested verdict of 50 million dollars for Ms. Khan and against Alki David.

We believed that Mr. David's misconduct in the workplace was outrageous and was such that it would shock the conscience of the community. We are very pleased that the jury agreed and expressed their strong disapproval in their punitive damages verdict.

We are very proud of the courage that our client, Mahim Khan, displayed both during the litigation of her case and during the trial. It takes enormous courage to fight a billionaire, especially one that appears to demonstrate flagrant disregard and disrespect for the right to be free of sexual harassment in the workplace.

I am also extremely proud of our trial team. My law partners, Nathan Goldberg, Dolores Leal and Renee Mochkatel, did an exceptional job of asserting our client's rights and vindicating her rights in Los Angeles County Superior Court. It was as a result of their hard work, both in litigation and at the trial, that this victory was won.

They deserve our gratitude and thanks for soldiering through to win this significant victory for Ms. Khan.

This should be a teaching moment for Mr. David and for other employers, as well. In this "Me Too" movement, women like Ms. Khan are no longer willing to suffer in silence. They will overcome their fear and make those who have sexually battered them or sexually harassed them accountable in a court of law.

Employers now have more than 58 million reasons to take action to make sure that their workplace is free of sexual harassment.

If they do not protect their employees as the law mandates, they, like Mr. David, will pay the cost of their wrongs against working women who are entitled to be afforded respect, dignity and freedom from sexual harassment in the workplace.

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