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Statement of Gloria Allred

Today I am here with 3 women who have decided that it is important to them to speak out and share with the public for the first time what they say happened to them when they had the misfortune to meet Bill Cosby.

Although it is too late for these 3 new accusers to take any legal action against Mr. Cosby because of the statute of limitations, these 3 courageous women want Mr. Cosby to be accountable for what they believe was his misconduct towards them.

I am honored that these brave women reached out to me for legal advice and support, so that their voices could be heard and I am proud to represent them. They are not the first, but they will also not be the last to speak out about their accusations against Mr. Cosby. As federal judge Eduardo C. Robreno said in his memorandum in which he decided to grant the request of the Associated Press to release excerpts of Mr. Cosby's deposition taken in the lawsuit filed by Andrea Constand in 2005, "The stark contrast between Bill Cosby the public moralist and Bill Cosby, the subject of serious allegations concerning improper (and perhaps criminal) conduct is a matter as to which the AP – and by extension the public- has a significant interest."

Finally, before I introduce them I would like to comment on the decision of three universities to strip Mr. Cosby of honorary degrees which they had conferred on him. Marquette, Fordham and this week Brown University

rescinded those honorary degrees. This action by three universities is unprecedented.

One of Mr. Cosby's lawyers has reportedly complained publicly about the decision of Fordham to strip Mr. Cosby of this honor. My response is that any emotional distress or sense of injustice that Mr. Cosby may feel cannot compare to the immense suffering and sense of injustice that many accusers that I represent have endured as a result of what they allege Mr. Cosby had done to them, so we shed no tears for Mr. Cosby.

As I stated previously, Mr. Cosby has nobody to blame but himself for his choices and his actions. There should be serious consequences for anyone who intentionally harms or endangers the health, safety or life of innocent women and girls.

I believe that it is long overdue for this "public moralizer" to face the full consequences of his misconduct against women and girls.

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