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This is a very sad day for my client, Jane Doe 2. She testified in New York as a “Me Too” witness in the criminal case against Harvey Weinstein, and she also bravely testified in the L.A. criminal trial.

In Los Angeles, Harvey Weinstein was indicted on the charge of sexual battery of her. The jury voted 10 to 2 for conviction on that count, meaning there was a mistrial. Jane Doe 2 asked the prosecution to retry her case, because she was willing to testify again, but the prosecution declined. To compound what Jane Doe 2 feels was a grave injustice against her, the judge also refused to allow her to make a victim impact statement at sentencing.

I believe that when the judge denied the requests of my clients Jane Doe 2, Jane Doe 5 and Natassia M. to give a victim impact statement at Mr. Weinstein’s sentencing, that the court denied these victims their constitutional rights under the California constitution. For that reason, yesterday I filed a Petition for Writ of Mandamus with the California Supreme Court asking the court to hear argument on this case and on this issue. This issue of victims’ rights is even more important than the conviction of Harvey Weinstein because this issue, which has never been decided by Appellate courts in California, is extremely important to victims.

We look forward to asserting and vindicating the rights of victims in the highest court in our state.

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