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Statement of Attorney Gloria Allred regarding Ethics fine for Les Moonves

The ethics law allows for a fine/penalty for the 3 charges against Les Moonves of \$15,000 (\$5,000 per each of the 3 counts), which itself is ridiculously low. He was not even assessed the maximum amount of \$15,000, as Moonves was only ordered to pay \$11,250. Our reaction is that a fine of \$11,250 is a mere slap on the wrist, no deterrence whatsoever, and is unjust.

Justice has not been served at the expense of the victim, Phyllis Golden-Gottlieb. Phyllis is now deceased, and the Ethics Commission did not even have the decency to contact me to arrange a call with Phyllis' adult children, my clients Cathy Gottlieb Weiss and Jim Gottlieb. The Commission could have spoken with them as part of their investigation and asked Cathy and Jim their feelings about the impact of the violation on their mother, and to say that on behalf of the Ethics Commission and the City of Los Angeles they apologize for the misconduct of former L.A.P.D. Captain and now retired Commander Cory Palka.

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