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Statement of Gloria Allred

Today we are here to announce that on behalf of our client, Jane Doe, we have filed, served, and are litigating a civil lawsuit alleging child sexual abuse against Roman Polanski.

We filed this lawsuit in Los Angeles County Superior Court in Santa Monica, California on June 16, 2023. We then served the defendant, Mr. Polanski, with our case at his home on September 5, 2023, in Paris, France.

Plaintiff alleges that she met defendant Polanski at a party in 1973 when she was a minor. She alleges that months later, defendant invited her to dinner, and she accepted his invitation. She alleges that defendant Polanski knew she was a minor.

Jane Doe alleges in the lawsuit that the evening that she was to have dinner with defendant, she met him at his home in Benedict Canyon. Plaintiff further alleges that at the house, defendant gave plaintiff, who he knew was a minor, two shots of tequila.

Thereafter, she alleges that defendant Polanski drove himself and plaintiff to dinner at Le Restaurant which was located on La Cienega in Los Angeles. Their

table was not ready when they arrived, and they sat in the bar where defendant Polanski ordered plaintiff more tequila.

After being seated, but before they ate, Plaintiff alleges that she began feeling dizzy from the tequila and went to the restroom where she was ill. When she returned to the table, she told defendant that she didn't feel well and that she was going to go outside to get some fresh air.

Plaintiff alleges that defendant Polanski followed plaintiff outside and then drove her back to his house. Plaintiff does not recall how she got from the car into defendant's home. Plaintiff recalls that defendant Polanski led her into his bedroom and that she passed out on his bed.

Plaintiff alleges that she remembers waking up in defendant's bed with him lying in the bed next to her. He told her that he wanted to have sex with her. Plaintiff, though groggy, alleges that she told defendant "No." She told him, "Please don't do this." He ignored her pleas. Plaintiff alleges that defendant Polanski removed plaintiff's clothes and he proceeded to sexually assault her causing her tremendous physical and emotional pain and suffering.

She further alleges that after defendant ejaculated, he drove plaintiff home. That was the last time plaintiff saw defendant.

Our client's filed complaint alleges rape/sexual battery against defendant Polanski and intentional infliction of severe emotional distress against him.

We are seeking damages according to proof at trial.

Last Friday, March 8, 2024, my partner, Nathan Goldberg, and I attended a virtual case management conference on this matter and the Judge assigned us a trial date of August 4, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. for a 10-day jury trial.

In 2017, I held a press conference with Jane Doe who alleged at that time that Mr. Polanski had sexually victimized her when she was a minor and that she was “infuriated” that the victim, Samantha Geimer, in Mr. Polanski’s prior criminal case asked the Court to dismiss the criminal case against Mr. Polanski after he fled California prior to being sentenced.

Judge Scott Gordon, in rejecting the defendant’s request stated, “Polanski cannot avail himself of the Court while standing in contempt of it. “

Although the L.A. County D.A.’s office has sought to extradite Mr. Polanski from France on the criminal case to which Mr. Polanski had pled guilty to unlawful sexual intercourse with Samantha Geimer, who was a 13-year-old child at the time of the crime against her, the District Attorney has been unsuccessful in its efforts to extradite him, because Mr. Polanski is a citizen of France and Poland, and France and Poland have refused to extradite him.

At the time of our 2017 press conference, Mr. Polanski’s criminal defense attorney criticized me for speaking out with my client against Mr. Polanski’s effort

to have his criminal case dismissed. His attorney verbally attacked me stating, “If you have a position, you come to court, and you file it.” Last year, that is exactly what we did.

Our client Jane Doe has demonstrated enormous courage in filing her lawsuit against a famous director who previously pled guilty to a sex crime against a child and then fled to Europe to escape sentencing.

Although the defendant has appeared to return to business as usual in his life, our client has not been able to return to business as usual since her victimization.

The criminal justice system has not yielded a just outcome for the people of California who had a right to see Mr. Polanski sentenced for his sexual crime against a child, but we look forward to our fight for justice and accountability for Jane Doe in the civil lawsuit which we have filed.

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Representing Jane Doe

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