

**Contact: Gloria Allred**  
**Phone: 323-653-6530**  
**Email: [gallred@amglaw.com](mailto:gallred@amglaw.com)**

### **Statement of Gloria Allred**

I am very happy that President Obama addressed the question of Bill Cosby and whether or not the President or the White House would revoke the Medal of Freedom honor awarded to Mr. Cosby in 2002.

The medal was awarded to Mr. Cosby for his contribution to television, but a number of women have contacted me alleging that he used his position on television to commit acts of sexual misconduct against them.

More than 10,000 people including me believe that the honor afforded to Mr. Cosby should be revoked.

The President indicated that there was no precedent for revoking the medal and that “we don’t have the mechanism”, but he did not indicate that it could not be done. In my opinion, allegations against Mr. Cosby by more than 40 women alleging that he drugged and sexually assaulted them are so serious that it is the right time to create a mechanism and establish the precedent to revoke this honor to Mr. Cosby.

The award is bestowed by the President of the United States and that must mean it can be revoked by the President of the United States. The President has not yet cited any legal reason why it could not be done. If all it takes is a “mechanism” to do that, then I would hope that the executive branch would begin work on such a mechanism, and if the White House does not do it then the Congress should pass a resolution supporting such a mechanism and suggesting guidelines to be followed to create such a mechanism.

Regarding the President's comments on drugging and raping women, I thought that his comments were strong, accurate and compassionate.

I know that the President cares about women's rights, and the right of women to be free of drugging and rape is a right that I am certain that the President would want for his wife, his daughters and all women wherever they might reside. Unfortunately, many women were not safe from Mr. Cosby and were denied their right to dignity which the U.S. Supreme Court has recently declared to be an important right.

It is time to find a way to revoke the award of the Medal of Freedom to Bill Cosby.

Gloria Allred  
Attorney at Law  
July 15, 2015