

## Statement of Attorney Gloria Allred re Megan Markle and Prince Andrew

It is very disturbing that Buckingham Palace has indicated that it “will look into the circumstances” and allegations that Megan Markle bullied members of the Royal Household staff when she was living in the U.K. and was being served by them. The Royal Communications office for the Palace indicated that it has had a Dignity at Work policy and will not tolerate bullying or harassment in the workplace. That was their justification for such an investigation. I question why no similar public statement has been made concerning Prince Andrew. Allegations about him are far worse than the allegations about Megan Markle.

Prince Andrew was a working Royal when he became a friend of Jeffrey Epstein who was a sexual predator. Prince Andrew is accused of much more than bullying or harassment in the workplace. Although he has denied the serious allegations against him he has declined to be interviewed in person by criminal investigators and prosecutors investigating who conspired with Jeffrey Epstein to sex traffic underage girls to Epstein. Why does Buckingham Palace not conduct an investigation and make a public statement condemning Prince Andrew for failing to provide what is requested to those who are seeking the whole truth and justice for the victims of crimes against children? Why has Prince Andrew not been stripped of the Royal titles that he enjoys, as has been the case for Megan and Harry?

He has certainly not brought dignity and respect to his work as a Royal. To the contrary, he has disgraced his Royal Title, and he has become the object of ridicule around the world. The investigation into Megan Markle is a distraction, and it appears hypocritical under the circumstances. I have to wonder if it reflects a calculated decision to take the focus off of Prince Andrew. It is long overdue for the Palace to change its priorities and announce that it is conducting its own investigation of Prince Andrew. In addition, it should immediately issue a statement condemning Prince Andrew for failing to provide full in person cooperation in the ongoing criminal investigation by the United States Justice Department.

I represent 20 victims of Jeffrey Epstein. Each day that Prince Andrew evades this issue, and that the Palace fails to condemn him for it, is a day when Prince Andrew is inflicting more pain and suffering on victims of child sexual abuse.