

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Civil Division**

JAMES Q. BUTLER, *
1600 Maryland Avenue, NE #507 *
Washington, D.C. 20002 *

Plaintiff, *

v. *

CIVIL ACTION NO.

CHERYL W. THOMPSON *
Media and Public Affairs Building *
805 21st Street, NW, MPA 409 *
Washington, D.C. 20052 *

and *

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY* *
Serve on: GW Office of General Counsel *
2000 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, 305 *
Washington, D.C. 20006 *
Defendants. *

COMPLAINT
(Intentional Tort)

Plaintiff, James Q. Butler, *pro se*, files this Complaint against the Defendants, CHERYL W. THOMPSON and GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY for Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress, False Light, and any other relevant causes of action arising from the conduct of defendants as described below. To truly appreciate the strength of these claims—it may be very helpful to review video recording from minutes 21:45-27:30 (YouTube version “Candidates for the DC mayoral race come together to discuss topics important to voters at George Washington University”). An electronic attachment will supplement this filing.

PARTIES, VENUE AND JURISDICTION

1. Plaintiff, James Q. Butler (“Plaintiff” or “Mr. Butler”) is an adult resident of the District of Columbia. Plaintiff, James Q. Butler, is a resident of Washington, D.C. and was a candidate for Mayor of the District of Columbia in the 2018 and 2022 election. Mr. Butler finished second in the Democratic primary in 2018.

2. Defendant, CHERYL W. THOMPSON, was the moderator for a forum for DC Mayoral Candidates in 2022. GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY does business and/or operates in the District of Columbia. Defendant, George Washington University, is a university located in Washington, D.C. and jointly hosted the aforementioned forum with the League of Women Voters.

3. The incident took place in the District of Columbia.

FACTS

4. On April 27, 2022, the League of Women Voters’ and George Washington University agreed to host a forum for DC Mayoral Candidates, including Plaintiff, James Q. Butler, Robert White, Trayon White, and Muriel Bowser. Defendant, Cheryl W. Thompson, was chosen as the moderator for the forum.

5. During the forum, candidates were interviewed on stage separately, with each interview lasting approximately 15 minutes. The order of the interviews was determined by drawing numbers from a hat. Plaintiff, James Q. Butler, drew the number 1 and was interviewed first by Defendant, Cheryl W. Thompson.

6. The interview was aired live, recorded, and live streamed via various social media platforms and was generally made available to the public.

7. During, and towards the end, of the interview, Defendant, Cheryl W. Thompson, asked Plaintiff, James Q. Butler, “You are the former owner of a law firm, and after scores of complaints, you were disbarred” “why should the voters trust that someone who broke the law will now uphold it.”

8. Plaintiff, James Q. Butler, goes on to explain, that he never broke any laws, was never charged with breaking any laws, and was not forcibly disbarred but voluntarily surrendered his license to practice law and consented to disbarment. The interview for the Plaintiff ends shortly thereafter.

9. After Plaintiff, James Q. Butler, exits the stage, candidate Robert White, is introduced and starts his interview. Mr. White observed that he nearly went over his time to introduce himself and says something to the effect of let’s get this started. Defendant, Cheryl W. Thompson, begins to laugh loudly and says to Defendant, Robert White “well unless you’ve been disbarred, it’s going to be a little easy.” (see YouTube video and it’ll really show how outrageous the conduct was)

10. Mr. White responds “no I’m a lawyer in good standing.”

11. Immediately you can hear members from the audience object (and voice their displeasure with Ms. Thompson’s remarks regarding the bar) and one person yells “personal attacks” another yells not true to which Ms. Thompson yells back “it is true.”

COUNT I – INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

12. The Defendant, Ms. Thompson, subjected the Plaintiff to extreme and outrageous conduct that intentionally caused him to suffer emotional distress. *Williams v. District of Columbia*, 776 A.2d 524 (D.C. 2001)

13. This conduct was so extreme and exceeded the bounds of decency that people in the audience gasped and verbally objected. Further, an online review will show commenters,

unrelated to the Plaintiff, remark on such extreme behavior by Ms. Thompson in the comment section.

14. Everyone clearly knew that Ms. Thompson was intentionally referring to, and attacking, Mr. Butler. Further, this hurt and diminished, Mr. Butler in the eyes of voters and have caused him emotional harm and suffering.

15. Plaintiff is aware in the District of Columbia that conduct must be extremely outrageous and that he must prove that the defendant had the intent or knowledge that severe emotional distress would result.

16. Courts determine if facts meet the threshold of “extreme and outrageous” behavior based on the facts and these facts may be a first before this Court.

17. Ms. Thompson knew the questions to the Plaintiff were already of a sensitive nature. She had time to ask the Plaintiff her question, the Plaintiff while on stage had time to respond—it’s very unlikely that this Complaint would ever be filed if Ms. Thompson had not attacked Plaintiff in such an extreme and outrageous manner while he was off stage and had no ability to even defend himself. When members of the audience objected to her extreme and outrageous behavior—she halts her interview with Robert White and becomes verbally combative with audience members.

18. This would not be extreme and outrageous behavior if, for example, involved a random confrontation on the streets—but coming from a moderator, that’s a seasoned reporter, moderating a debate for three Mayoral candidates vying for the mayoralty of a major U.S. City—this can only be described as extreme and outrageous.

19. The distress that the Plaintiff has experienced is severe and had harmful physical consequences. The harm Plaintiff experienced should reasonably be expected based on Defendants actions. *Howard Univ. v. Best*

20. Defendant, Thompson, also clearly lost her neutrality and engaged in political activity designed to oppose Mr. Butler's candidacy for public office while acting on behalf of the GW University which is a charitable organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code.

21. As a direct result of the Defendant's action, the Plaintiff sustained the injuries, losses, and damages, without the Plaintiff contributing thereto.

COUNT II- FALSE LIGHT

22. All prior paragraphs in the Complaint are repeated and incorporated here.

23. Plaintiff will show that Defendant, Cheryl W. Thompson, published a false statement of fact about him and placed Plaintiff in a false light that would be highly offense to a reasonable person, and that Defendant knew or should have known that the statement was false. *Washington Post Co. v. Keogh, 365 F.2d 965 (D.C. Cir. 1966)*

24. During the interview, Defendant, Cheryl W. Thompson, asked Plaintiff, James Q. Butler, "you are the former owner of a law firm, and after scores of complaints, you were disbarred" "why should the voters trust someone who **broke the law** to now uphold the law."

25. Plaintiff, James Q. Butler, goes on to explain, that he never broke any laws, was never charged with breaking any laws, and was not disbarred but voluntarily surrendered his license to practice law and consented to disbarment.

26. It is noteworthy, that frequently lawyers do break laws, are subsequently charged, and convicted (and almost certainly be disbarred upon conviction) and do jail time. This is entirely different and more egregious than being disbarred or consenting to disbarment.

27. Ms. Thompson an experienced, and allegedly award-winning “investigative” journalist, was charged with researching each candidate and asking truthful and non-misleading questions.

28. Defendant, Thompson, gave publicity to this matter concerning the Plaintiff.

29. Defendant, Thompson, knew, or should have known, that it would place the Plaintiff before the public in a false light. It is all too apparent that Defendant, Thomas, was not only hostile to Plaintiff but did not care that such statement would put Plaintiff in a false light. She demonstrated this when she showed she was not finished attacking Plaintiff even after Plaintiff was off stage.

30. The false light of “breaking the law” for any candidate for Mayor would be highly offensive to a reasonable person especially when Plaintiff, in fact, did not break the law.

31. Ms. Thompson knew of, or at the very least, acted in reckless disregard as to the falsity of the publicized matter and the false light in which it would place the Plaintiff.

32. Ms. Thompson, knew or should have known, that the statements she made about the Plaintiff, James Butler, would have misleading implications that the average person would find highly offensive.

33. Ms. Thompson, clearly made these statements with actual malice. Defendant was still hostile and showed she didn’t care about her misleading statements toward Plaintiff when she still indirectly attacked the Plaintiff when he was off of stage by telling Robert White in essence “he’s ok so long as he’s not disbarred.” This clearly was stated with the intent to further

hurt plaintiff in the eyes of all who were present, watching via live stream, and those who would later see.

34. As the direct result of, Ms. Thompson's actions, as stated above, the Plaintiff has suffered injury.

35. The injuries that the Plaintiff has sustained may be permanent in nature. The Plaintiff's has suffered great physical anguish, and in all reasonable probability, may continue to suffer in this manner in the future.

36. As a further result of the above acts committed by the Defendants, the Plaintiff has incurred substantial medical expenses for medical care and attention and may continue to incur additional medical expenses into the foreseeable future.

37. In addition, the Plaintiff has suffered economic injury and will likely continue to suffer such economic injury.

COUNT III SLANDER

38. All prior paragraphs in the Complaint are repeated and incorporated here.

39. Defendant, Cheryl W. Thompson, made a false statement regarding the Plaintiff when Defendant claimed that Plaintiff "broke the law."

40. Defendant, Cheryl W. Thompson, published such statement in the form of her spoken words (slander) for audiences to hear.

41. Defendant acted with actual malice and, and as an investigative journalist, recklessly disregarded the truth of her statements. There is no excuse for, an allegedly award-winning journalist, to not know what a professional ethical violation is as opposed to someone actually "breaking a law" and subsequently being at minimum charged with a crime.

VICARIOUS LIABILITY

42. All prior paragraphs in the Complaint are repeated and incorporated here.

43. Defendant, the George Washington University, is vicariously liable for the intentional misconduct of Defendant, Cheryl W. Thompson as her misconduct occurred within the scope of her employment with the George Washington University.
44. The George Washington University was aware of such misconduct.
45. Vicarious liability of Defendant, the George Washington University, applies to all counts of the Complaint.

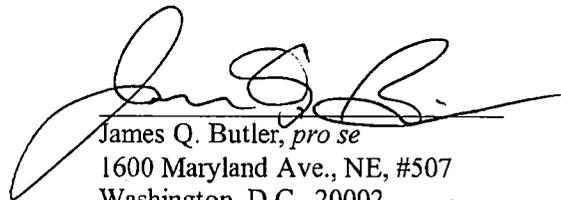
WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendants, in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$175,000.00), together with interest and costs of the suit and for such other relief as the court may deem proper.

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

Respectfully submitted,

DATED: January __, 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Q. Butler', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

James Q. Butler, *pro se*
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Telephone: (440) 258-5016

Superior Court of the District of Columbia

CIVIL DIVISION- CIVIL ACTIONS BRANCH INFORMATION SHEET

James Q. Butler

Case Number: _____

vs

Date: 1/30/2023

Cheryl W. Thompson & GW University

One of the defendants is being sued in their official capacity.

Name: (Please Print) <u>James Q. Butler</u>	Relationship to Lawsuit <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney for Plaintiff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self (Pro Se) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Firm Name: _____	
Telephone No.: _____ Six digit Unified Bar No.: _____ <u>440-258-5016</u>	

TYPE OF CASE: Non-Jury 6 Person Jury 12 Person Jury
 Demand: \$ \$ 575,000 Other: _____

PENDING CASE(S) RELATED TO THE ACTION BEING FILED

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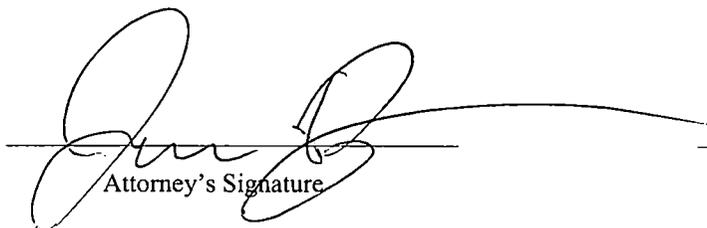
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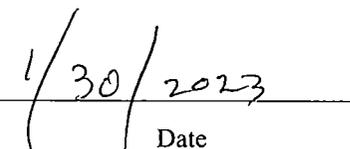
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Attorney's Signature


Date



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 Defendant

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 contra _____
 _____ Demandado

Número de Caso: _____

CITATORIO

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Por la presente se le cita a comparecer y se le require entregar una Contestación a la Demanda adjunta, sea en persona o por medio de un abogado, en el plazo de veintiún (21) días contados después que usted haya recibido este citatorio, excluyendo el día mismo de la entrega del citatorio. Si usted está siendo demandado en calidad de oficial o agente del Gobierno de los Estados Unidos de Norteamérica o del Gobierno del Distrito de Columbia, tiene usted sesenta (60) días, contados después que usted haya recibido este citatorio, para entregar su Contestación. Tiene que enviarle por correo una copia de su Contestación al abogado de la parte demandante. El nombre y dirección del abogado aparecen al final de este documento. Si el demandado no tiene abogado, tiene que enviarle al demandante una copia de la Contestación por correo a la dirección que aparece en este Citatorio.

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Nombre del abogado del Demandante _____

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