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*Re: Article on Judith Regan/Statements about the Brown Family*

Dear Mr. Wasserstein:

I am the attorney representing the parents of Nicole Brown Simpson and Denise Brown in the matter pertaining to the cancelled O.J. Simpson book and interview.

Your magazine today published an article that contained blatant and intentional factual misrepresentations regarding the participation of the Brown family in the attempts by HarperCollins to entice them with the payout of profits from the "If I Did It" book and interview. Specifically, your writer, Vanessa Grigoriadis, contacted me for comment about these items last Friday when I was unavailable in Court. Upon return, I called her back and specifically advised her that her information was untrue and that I could substantiate the same. Having not heard from her over the weekend, I called again today, and, again, received no response. You went to print without making the correction or even including a denial.

Your defamatory article states that NewsCorp representatives flew to Indianapolis and "sat down with the families" to "hash out the details" of a payout. That is patently untrue. Neither the Browns nor any representatives for the family went to or participated in any such meeting. They did not fly to Indianapolis, they did not "sit down" with HarperCollins, they did not "hash out" any details. A modicum of research would have revealed that Indianapolis is the home town of the attorney for Fred Goldman, and has nothing to do with the Brown family.

The article further states that "the Browns had been agreeable to the payout of about \$5 million, but Nicole's sister, Denise Brown went on the Today show and told them she had rejected NewsCorp's proposed 'hush money' out of hand." The Browns did not agree to any "payout". In fact, when the Browns were approached about a payout, they contacted me and made it clear that under no circumstances would they participate in the acceptance of money for this abhorrent project. With clear marching orders from my clients, and in less than an hour of this initial contact, my office prepared and sent out a press release on behalf of the Browns categorically rejecting any payout, any sharing of profits, and anything short of a cancellation of the interview

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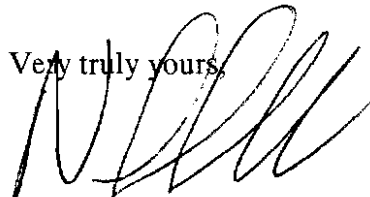
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and the destruction of the book. That press release and its timing is obviously a matter of record, as is the fact that within an hour or so after that press release went out, NewsCorp cancelled the book and interview, calling into question your writer's further assertion and/or representation of how the facts played out in this situation, and what the impetus was to NewsCorp's pulling the plug on this ill-conceived project. Further, while your writer contends that NewsCorp was grappling with their sense of regret, from the moment the Browns contacted me, both myself and Denise Brown were barraged with phone calls not only insisting that we accept a payout, but do so within a time limit, as NewsCorp wanted a press release noting the family's acceptance and acquiescence to their project moving forward.

Your writer knew at press time that information was available to counter her "source", and blindly and intentionally chose not to pursue it. The misrepresentations made by your magazine are factually incorrect and editorially irresponsible.

Therefore, a demand is hereby made for an immediate retraction and/or correction of the above-said statements in a publication manner commensurate with the article.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'NR', written over the typed name 'NATASHA ROIT'.

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