

## Katten Obtains Dismissal for Relativity Media in Defamation Suit

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A New Jersey federal judge has dismissed a defamation suit against Relativity Media LLC and other producers of the film *Out of the Furnace*. Plaintiffs—members of a Native American ethnic group—alleged the film portrayed them in a negative light. Judge William H. Walls dismissed the case, ruling that the movie, a purely fictional film, did not portray any specific individual plaintiffs or make any factual assertions about them, and, thus, plaintiffs could not meet the "of and concerning" requirement for stating a claim. Partner Joel Weiner represented Relativity Media in the case. (["Christian Bale Film Didn't Defame Tribe Members, Judge Says,"](#) May 15, 2014)

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