

Katten Obtains Dismissal for Cumulus Broadcasting in Defamation Suit

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A Cook County circuit court judge has dismissed a defamation suit brought against Katten client Cumulus Broadcasting, LLC, as well as co-defendants Fox News and the *Chicago Sun-Times*. Plaintiff, a professor at Northwestern University, alleged defamation and false light based on the publication of an article title. Fox and Cumulus received the text via the *Chicago Sun-Times* wire service and republished the article verbatim. Judge Kathy M. Flanagan ruled that all complaints against defendants failed due to a lack of *per se* defamation, and granted the defendants' motions to dismiss, with prejudice, with no leave to amend. Intellectual Property attorneys Floyd Mandell, Carolyn Passen and Eugene Endress represented Cumulus in this lawsuit.

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