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Sexual harassment lawsuit filed against Voice of America

The law firm of Larry Klayman sent me the following notice:

The Board of Governors, the Acting General Counsel and managers in the Persian News Network (PNN) of Voice of America (VOA) have been sued in a \$150 million USD complaint for covering up rampant and widespread sexual harassment at the network. To make matters worse, the women who were harassed, and in particular, the principal anchor and star of PNN, Ms. Elham Sataki, were then retaliated against by the defendants when they complained of the sexual harassment.

As set forth in the complaint, the reason for the workplace retaliation stems from an unhealthy sculture of corruption at PNN, where anchors, such as Ms. Sataki, are punished for their personal political views in favor of more aggressive, pro-Iranian freedom news reporting, particularly during this critical period in Iranian history. Indeed, Congressional investigations are underway concerning PNNs news coverage on Iranian issues, where 69 House members (and influential U.S. Senators) recently wrote to President Obama asking him to look into anti-American and pro-Regime rhetoric being broadcast by PNN into Iran, at a time when the United States should be more supportive of the Iranian freedom movement. The Washington Times recently ran an editorial characterizing the current VOA as Voice of the Mullahs.

As a result of the sexual harassment and severe agency retaliation, Ms. Sataki was rendered medically disabled and is currently convalescing in her native home of Los Angeles. Another international broadcaster who was also harassed is in fear of her livelihood for having come forward.

Incredibly, after Larry Klayman and his law firm filed complaints on behalf of Ms Sataki against the sexual predator and the officials of VOA responsible for the alleged acts, the sexual predator was put on administrative leave with pay, while Ms. Sataki was not permitted a reasonable medical accommodation to work outside of the hostile workplace environment. To the contrary, Ms. Satakis pay has largely been withheld during her convalescence, curtailing even her ability to pay her doctors. And, the VOA Acting General Counsel, Paul Kollmer Dorsey, who himself is a defendant, even arranged for the sexual predator to be represented by the U.S. Justice Department outrageously at taxpayer expense obviously to control him so he could cover up the complicity of the higher ups in the workplace retaliation and other illegalities. This use of taxpayer monies in a private lawsuit rises to the level of criminal activity.

David Borgida, acting director of VOA Public Relations told POLITICO:

We have a policy of zero tolerance for sexual harassment. The Broadcasting Board of Governors affirms its commitment to a strong Equal Employment Opportunity policy. We have numerous equal opportunity programs and training programs in place to ensure that our workplace is free of discrimination. We abide by a serious and well regarded process to carefully review any such accusations and, of course, individual personnel actions are not matter for public discussion. We don't comment on ongoing legal cases.

Who's Larry Klayman?The founder and former Chairman of Judicial Watch with a long history of filing lawsuits against the Clinton administration, so much so that he was **dubbed by Huffington Post's Marcus Baram** as "[t]he fastest trigger finger in D.C. when it comes to filing legal briefs."