

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

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9th Circuit Case Number(s):	11-55863		
District Court/Agency Case Number(s):	CV-04-8400		
District Court/Agency Location:	Central District of California, Western Division		
Case Name:	Laura Siegel Larson	v.	Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc., et al.
If District Court, docket entry number(s) of order(s) appealed from:	669		
Name of party/parties submitting this form:	Laura Siegel Larson, individually and for the Estate of Joanne Siegel		

Please briefly describe the dispute that gave rise to this lawsuit.

This long-standing dispute with defendant DC Comics ("DC") and its effective parent, defendant Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. arises out of the efforts of the heirs of Superman co-author Jerome Siegel to vindicate their copyright termination rights pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 304(c). Along with her deceased mother, Joanne Siegel, plaintiff Laura Siegel Larson successfully exercised her right under 17 U.S.C. § 304(c) to recapture her father Jerome Siegel's copyright interests in Superman by terminating his prior Superman copyright grants to DC.

Briefly describe the result below and the main issues on appeal.

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Describe any proceedings remaining below or any related proceedings in other tribunals.

The remainder of this case, for an accounting to plaintiff from defendants, has been stayed pending this appeal. There is an ongoing related case, Siegel v. Time Warner Inc., et al., Case No. 10-CV-8776, related to plaintiff's Superboy notices of termination. There is another ongoing related case, DC Comics v. Pacific Pictures Corp., et al., Case No. 10-CV-03633, a SLAPP suit, wherein DC attempts to retaliate against attorney Marc Toberoff for his longstanding representation of Ms. Larson and the estate of Joseph Shuster, Jerome Siegel's co-author, in connection with the exercise of their termination rights under 17 U.S.C. § 304, and which also relates to that estate's

Provide any other thoughts you would like to bring to the attention of the mediator.

The parties engaged in formal mediation sessions before the Hon. Daniel Weinstein (Ret.) in May-June 2008, September 2009 and April 2010. The parties' efforts were unsuccessful. The parties are currently discussing a further mediation before Judge Weinstein and/or other mediators.

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CERTIFICATION OF COUNSEL

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