IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS WESTERN DIVISION

WILLIAM WADE WALLER CO., d/b/a OUTONTHEROCK.COM

PLAINTIFF

V.

NO. 4-10-CV-00764 GTE

NEXSTAR BROADCASTING, INC., d/b/a KARK TELEVISION, and RK COLLECTIONS, INC.

DEFENDANTS

ORDER

Before the Court is a motion for attorney's fees filed by Defendant RK Collections ("RKC").

Plaintiff William Wade Waller Co. ("Waller") has filed a response opposing the motion.

The Court declines to exercise its discretion to award attorney's fees in this case. See 17 U.S.C. § 505 (providing courts with the discretion to award a reasonable attorney's fee to the prevailing party). "In exercising its discretion under 17 U.S.C. § 505, a court should consider factors such as frivolousness, motivation, objective unreasonableness (both in the factual and legal components of the case) and the need in particular circumstances to advance considerations of compensation and deterrence." *Silberstein v. Digital Art Solutions, Inc.*, 2003 WL 21297291, *2 (S.D. N.Y. 2003) (omitting internal quotations and citation).

This was not, as RKC asserts, a case with no factual basis. Although Waller was unable to prove damages, there is no question that Waller's photographs were used for RKC's benefit.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT the motion for attorney's fees (docket no. 48) filed by Defendant RK Collections be, and it is hereby, DENIED.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS <u>15th</u> day of August, 2011.

_/s/Garnett Thomas Eisele____ UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE