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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

LAURA SIEGEL LARSON,
individually and as personal
representative of the ESTATE OF
JOANNE SIEGEL,

Plaintiff,

v.

WARNER BROS. ENTERTAINMENT
INC., DC COMICS, and DOES 1-10,

Defendants and
Counterclaimants.

Case No. CV 04-8400 ODW (RZx)

**FINAL JUDGMENT IN THE
SIEGEL SUPERMAN CASE**

The Hon. Otis D. Wright II

1 **JUDGMENT**

2 On January 10, 2013, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth
3 Circuit reversed Judge Larson’s March 26, 2008 partial summary-judgment order
4 and held that, “as a matter of law,” Plaintiff Laura Siegel Larson (referred to herein
5 in her individual capacity and as personal representative of the Estate of Joanne
6 Siegel as “Larson”) entered into an enforceable settlement agreement with
7 Defendants (collectively, “DC”) on October 19, 2001. *Larson v. Warner Bros.*
8 *Entm’t Inc.*, Nos. 11-55863, 11-56034, 2013 WL 1113259, at *1 (9th Cir. Jan. 10,
9 2013). “Statements from the attorneys for both parties establish that the parties had
10 undertaken years of negotiations . . . , and that the letter” sent by Larson’s attorney,
11 Kevin Marks, on October 19, 2001, “accurately reflected the material terms they
12 had orally agreed to.” *Id.* The Ninth Circuit directed this Court to “reconsider
13 DC’s third and fourth counterclaims in light of [its] holding that the October 19,
14 2001, letter created an agreement.” *Id.* at *2.

15 Consistent with this Court’s March 20 and April 18, 2013 Orders collectively
16 granting DC’s February 7, 2013 Motion for Summary Judgment (ECF Nos. 717,
17 723), this Court may now enter final judgment in DC’s favor in two of three long-
18 running Superman cases presently before this Court: (1) the above-titled “*Siegel*
19 *Superman*” case, Case No. CV-04-8400; and (2) the related “*Siegel Superboy*” case,
20 Case No. CV-04-8776 (addressed in a separate Final Judgment filed concurrently
21 herewith). In the parties’ October 19, 2001 settlement agreement, Larson (and her
22 family) “transfer[red] all of [their] rights” to DC, “resulting in 100% ownership to
23 D.C. Comics.” Declaration of Daniel M. Petrocelli (“Petrocelli Decl.”) Ex. B, at
24 21; *Larson*, 2013 WL 1113259, at *1. This complete transfer bars Larson’s
25 remaining claims in this case and entitles DC to judgment on its Fourth
26 Counterclaim in this case, which seeks a declaration confirming the October 19,
27 2001 settlement agreement against Larson. DC’s remaining counterclaims are
28 dismissed, without prejudice, as moot. Therefore:

1 A. Larson’s Claims

2 IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Larson’s First Claim for Relief, for
3 “Declaratory Relief re: Termination,” is DENIED, and judgment is hereby entered
4 in DC’s favor and against Larson on this claim. *See also* DN 293, 560.

5 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Larson’s Second
6 Claim for Relief, for “Declaratory Relief re: Profits from Recaptured Copyrights,”
7 is DENIED, and judgment is hereby entered in DC’s favor and against Larson on
8 this claim. *See also* DN 293, 560.

9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Larson’s Third Claim
10 for Relief, for “Declaratory Relief re: Use of the ‘Superman’ Crest,” is DENIED,
11 and judgment is hereby entered in DC’s favor and against Larson on this claim. *See*
12 *also* DN 293, 560.

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Larson’s Fourth Claim
14 for Relief, for “Accounting for Profits,” is DENIED, and judgment is hereby
15 entered in DC’s favor and against Larson on this claim. *See also* DN 293, 560.

16 B. DC’s Counterclaims

17 IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that DC’s Fourth Counterclaim, for
18 “Declaratory Relief Regarding the [2001 Settlement] Agreement,” is GRANTED,
19 and judgment is hereby entered in DC’s favor and against Larson on this
20 counterclaim. The Court declares that, under the parties’ October 19, 2001
21 settlement agreement, Larson and her family transferred to DC, worldwide and in
22 perpetuity, any and all rights, title, and interest, including all copyright interests,
23 that they may have in Superman, Superboy, and Spectre. Petrocelli Decl. Ex. B, at
24 19, 21; *Larson*, 2013 WL 1113259, at *1–2.

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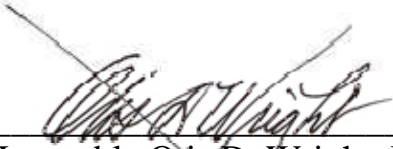
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IT IS ACCORDINGLY FURTHER ORDERED that DC's First, Second, Third, Fifth, and Sixth Counterclaims are DISMISSED, WITHOUT PREJUDICE, AS MOOT.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 18, 2013

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Honorable Otis D. Wright, II
Judge, United States District Court