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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
06 Civ. 0589 (CGE)

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ANUCHA BROWNE-SANDERS,

Plaintiff,

- against -

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, L.P., ISIAH LORD
THOMAS, III, and JAMES DOLAN,
Defendants.

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February 12, 2007
10:10 a.m.

Videotaped Deposition of JOSEPH
FAVORITO, taken by Plaintiff, pursuant to
Notice, held at the offices of Vladeck
Waldman Elias & Engelhard, P.C., 1501
Broadway, New York, New York, before Todd
DeSimone, a Registered Professional
Reporter and Notary Public of the State of
New York.

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3 MR. MINTZER: Why don't we take
4 a five or ten-minute break. I'm pretty
5 close to wrapping up.

6 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is
7 12:34 p.m. We are off the record.

8 (Recess taken.)

9 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back
10 on the record. The time is 12:49 p.m.

11 BY MR. MINTZER:

12 Q. Did you have any involvement in
13 Ms. Browne-Sanders being awarded something
14 called the "40 Under 40" from the Sports
15 Business Journal?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. What was your involvement with
18 that?

19 A. I did all the work to put it
20 together. I did the nomination. I filled
21 out all the paperwork. I lobbied them to
22 get her on. All that stuff.

23 Q. When you say "lobbied them,"
24 what did you do?

25 A. Called the editors, explained

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2 to them why I thought it would be a great
3 idea that Anucha would be on there.

4 Q. What did you say?

5 A. I said she was a powerful
6 African-American woman, a good role model.
7 They had a lack of women amongst the list,
8 and I felt that given her background and
9 what she did, that she was a good story
10 and she deserved it.

11 Q. Who made the decision about
12 whether she was going to get the award?

13 A. Who on their end?

14 Q. Yes.

15 A. There is an editorial staff
16 that puts that together.

17 Q. Did you have any actual say in
18 the decision to award her that?

19 A. My position grants me influence
20 to try and help people get those
21 opportunities, yes.

22 Q. I think it is clear what you
23 said, that you did try to influence it.

24 But did you have any role in
25 the decision-making process by the Sports

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2 Business Journal to give her that award?

3 A. My job gives me that
4 opportunity to influence them, yes.

5 Q. Tell me, then, what was your
6 involvement in the decision-making process
7 of the Sports Business Journal?

8 A. I called Terry Lefton, who is
9 the senior business writer, and I said "I
10 really think this would be doing me a big
11 favor if you got Anucha in there, and here
12 is why." And he said "Okay, I will do it
13 for you."

14 Q. He said that he would do it for
15 you?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And, to your knowledge, that's
18 the only reason why she was given that
19 award?

20 A. Well, that is not the only
21 reason, but it was influential, which is
22 what you asked me.

23 Q. No. What I asked you is what
24 your involvement was in the
25 decision-making process.

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A. That was my involvement. I assisted in the decision-making process.

Q. And do you know who the editors are who made the decision?

A. I don't know who made it up at that time, who made the list of editorial people at that time.

Q. Who was the person you spoke to, what is his name?

A. Terry Lefton.

Q. Do you know, did Terry Lefton make that decision on his own or were there others?

A. There were others involved in the decision.

Q. How many others?

A. I do not know.

Q. Do you know whether these other people considered your call as influential in the decision to give Ms. Browne-Sanders the award?

A. I would hope it did, yes.

Q. Do you know, sir?

A. I do not know.