



Blake Lively Lauded by SAG for Courageous Misconduct Stand

Description

SAG-AFTRA, the labor union representing approximately 160,000 actors within the Hollywood sphere, is articulating its support for Blake Lively following her filing of a sexual harassment complaint against Justin Baldoni, her co-star and director on the film "It Ends With Us."

"These allegations are both alarming and deeply concerning. Employees are entitled to voice their concerns or initiate complaints without fear of reprisal. Retaliation against individuals who report misconduct or inappropriate behavior is both unlawful and reprehensible," the organization stated. "We commend Blake Lively for her valor in addressing issues of retaliation and harassment, as well as for her request to have an intimacy coordinator present for all scenes involving nudity or sexual content. This is a crucial step towards ensuring a safe working environment."

Over the weekend, the [New York Times reported](#) that Lively alleged Baldoni of sexual harassment, creating a toxic workplace atmosphere, and undertaking a concerted campaign to undermine her reputation on social media. Lively claims Baldoni's actions have inflicted "severe emotional distress" upon her and her family. Baldoni's attorney, Bryan Freedman, responded by labeling Lively's allegations as "shameful" and replete with "categorically false accusations."

The complaint details a January meeting convened to discuss Lively's apprehensions about returning to production following the suspension caused by the actors' and writers' strikes. During this meeting, Lively raised concerns regarding Baldoni's remarks about her weight made to her trainer, his persistent inquiries about her religious beliefs, and inappropriate discussions of his own sexual life.

Lively further asserts that both Baldoni and Jamey Heath, a producer of the film and CEO of Wayfarer Studios, entered her makeup trailer without her consent, including instances when she was breastfeeding her infant child. The lawsuit indicates that Lively's concerns extended beyond her own situation, addressing issues faced by other female cast and crew members who had also voiced their discomfort.

SAG-AFTRA encourages anyone who may be subject to abusive behavior to report such violations to both the union and their employer. "Each individual deserves to be treated with dignity and respect in the workplace, and to operate in an environment that is free from harassment, discrimination, and retaliation," the organization concluded.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Alarming** /ə'la:rmɪŋ/ (adjective): Causing worry or concern.
2. **Retaliation** /rɪ,tæ.l.i'ei.fən/ (noun): The act of returning an injury or wrong.
3. **Valor** /'væl.ər/ (noun): Great courage in the face of danger.
4. **Toxic** /'tɒk.sɪk/ (adjective): Characterized by harmful or poisonous qualities.



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5. **Apprehensions** /,æp.rɪ'hɛn.fənz/ (noun): Feelings of anxiety or fear about something that may happen.
6. **Misconduct** /,mɪs'kɒn.dʌkt/ (noun): Unacceptable or improper behavior.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Which labor union is supporting Blake Lively in her sexual harassment complaint?
Option: SAG-AFTRA
Option: AFSCME
Option: AFL-CIO
Option: SEIU
2. What does SAG-AFTRA commend Blake Lively for in regards to her complaint?
Option: Bravery in addressing retaliation and harassment
Option: Silence about the issue
Option: Ignoring the issue
Option: Supporting the accused
3. What step does Blake Lively request to ensure a safe working environment during scenes involving nudity or sexual content?
Option: Having an intimacy coordinator present
Option: No safety measures
Option: Increasing harassment
Option: Removing safety protocols
4. Who did Lively allege of creating a toxic workplace atmosphere?
Option: Justin Baldoni
Option: Jamey Heath
Option: Bryan Freedman
Option: The New York Times
5. What did Bryan Freedman, Baldoni's attorney, say about Lively's allegations?
Option: Shameful and replete with false accusations
Option: Justified and true
Option: Unrelated to the case
Option: Dismissed the allegations



6. What action did Lively claim caused "severe emotional distress" to her and her family?

- Option: Baldoni's actions
- Option: Jamey Heath's actions
- Option: SAG-AFTRA's response
- Option: Media attention

True-False

7. SAG-AFTRA supports Blake Lively in her sexual harassment complaint against Justin Baldoni.

8. Lively requested to have an intimacy coordinator present for scenes involving violence.

9. Baldoni's attorney praised Lively for her courage in addressing the issues.

10. The New York Times reported that Lively alleged Bryan Freedman of sexual harassment.

11. Lively raised concerns about Baldoni's remarks about her weight in a meeting.

12. The lawsuit mentioned only Lively's concerns and not those of other female cast and crew members.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. SAG-AFTRA 2. Bravery in addressing retaliation and harassment 3. Having an intimacy coordinator present 4. Justin Baldoni 5. Shameful and replete with false accusations 6. Baldoni's actions

True-False: 7. True 8. False 9. False 10. False 11. True 12. False

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which term is used to describe a lack of compatibility or similarity between two or more facts or pieces of information?

- Option: Allegation
- Option: Discrepancy
- Option: Narrative
- Option: Cunning

2. What is the term for wrongful or criminal deception intended to result in financial or personal gain?



- Option: Integrity
- Option: Valor
- Option: Fraud
- Option: Toxic

3. Which term describes actions taken in revenge for an injury or offense?

- Option: Engulfed
- Option: Retaliatory
- Option: Misconduct
- Option: Acclaimed

4. How would you describe a bold and shameless behavior?

- Option: Pivotal
- Option: Cunning
- Option: Brazen
- Option: Elucidating

5. Which term means completely surrounded or covered by something?

- Option: Implication
- Option: Engulfed
- Option: Apprehensions
- Option: Ascended

6. What term means to explain the meaning of something?

- Option: Valor
- Option: Misconduct
- Option: Interpreted
- Option: Alarming

7. Which term refers to courage and bravery in the face of danger?

- Option: Narrative
- Option: Purloined
- Option: Ascended
- Option: Valor

8. What does the term "Apprehensions" typically refer to?

- Option: Definitive
- Option: Inscription
- Option: Apprehensions
- Option: Mesmerizing

9. What term describes unacceptable or improper behavior especially by someone in authority or a profession?



- Option: Emblazoned
- Option: Cunning
- Option: Misconduct
- Option: Alarming

10. Which term is used to describe a spoken or written account of connected events?

- Option: Allegation
- Option: Brazen
- Option: Narrative
- Option: Elucidating

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The email suggested a deeper _____ that was not explicitly stated.
12. The thief _____ a valuable painting from the museum.
13. After weeks of investigation they reached a _____ conclusion about the cause of the fire.
14. The ancient stone tablet bore an _____ in an unknown language.
15. The artist's latest work was widely _____ for its beauty and originality.
16. The dancer's performance was so _____ that the audience sat in stunned silence.
17. The hot air balloon slowly _____ into the sky as the crowd below watched in amazement.
18. The professor did an excellent job of _____ complex theories in a way that was easy to understand.
19. The sudden rise in pollution levels was quite _____ to the residents of the city.
20. The country warned of severe _____ if its borders were violated.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)



21. The company denied the of corruption made by the whistleblower.
22. The fox used its strategy to outwit the hunters.
23. The flag was with the national emblem.
24. She was known for her honesty and in all her dealings.
25. The decision to invest in technology proved for the company's future success.
26. The audience was by the magician's skillful tricks.
27. The CEO's leadership style created a work environment for employees.
28. She a rare artifact for the museum's collection.
29. The grand stood as a testament to the architect's vision.
30. The flames quickly the old wooden house.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Discrepancy 2. Fraud 3. Retaliatory 4. Brazen 5. Engulfed 6. Interpreted 7. Valor
8. Apprehensions 9. Misconduct 10. Narrative

Gap-Fill: 11. Implication 12. Purloined 13. Definitive 14. Inscription 15. Acclaimed 16. Mesmerizing 17.
Ascended 18. Elucidating 19. Alarming 20. Retaliation

Matching sentence: 1. Allegation 2. Cunning 3. Emblazoned 4. Integrity 5. Pivotal 6. Captivated 7. Toxic
8. Procured 9. Edifice 10. Engulfed

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