



Tesla whistleblower triumphs in legal feud with Musk

Description

Getty Images Elon Musk. He has a neutral expression.

A Tesla whistleblower, Cristina Balan, won a legal battle against Elon Musk's company. She lost her job after raising a safety concern about a design flaw in Tesla cars in 2014. Recently, a court in California ruled in her favor in a defamation case against the firm. Now, she hopes to face Elon Musk in court.

Ms. Balan, who battled breast cancer, wants to clear her name and prove her innocence. She was fired after alleging that Tesla managers ignored her safety concerns. Despite facing legal challenges, she continues her fight for justice.

Cristina Balan finishing her chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer
Cristina Balan

In a positive turn, the court decision in California was overturned, bringing hope for a fair trial for Ms. Balan. It's a step forward in her long legal battle.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Whistleblower** /'wɪs.əl,blɒs.ər/ (noun): A person who informs on a person or organization engaged in illicit activity.
2. **Defamation** /,dɛf.ə'meɪ.ʃən/ (noun): The action of damaging the good reputation of someone; slander or libel.
3. **Alleging** /ə'ledʒ.ɪŋ/ (verb): Claiming or asserting without proof.
4. **Concerns** /kən'sɜːnz/ (noun): Worries or anxieties about a particular issue.
5. **Justice** /'dʒʌs.tɪs/ (noun): The quality of being just impartial or fair.
6. **Trial** /'traɪ.əl/ (noun): A formal examination of evidence in a court typically resulting in a verdict.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What legal battle did Cristina Balan win against Elon Musk's company?

Option: Employment discrimination case

Option: Defamation case



Option: Intellectual property dispute

Option: Contract breach lawsuit

2. What year did Cristina Balan raise a safety concern about a design flaw in Tesla cars?

Option: 2010

Option: 2012

Option: 2014

Option: 2016

3. What medical condition did Cristina Balan battle?

Option: Breast cancer

Option: Lung cancer

Option: Diabetes

Option: Arthritis

4. Where did the court rule in Cristina Balan's favor in the defamation case?

Option: New York

Option: California

Option: Texas

Option: Florida

5. Who is the reporter mentioned at the end of the article?

Option: Graham Fraser

Option: Lily Jamali

Option: Elon Musk

Option: Cristina Balan

6. What does Cristina Balan hope to do in the future regarding Elon Musk?

Option: Face him in court

Option: Work for Tesla again

Option: Apologize to him

Option: Drop all legal actions

True-False

7. Cristina Balan lost her job after raising a safety concern about a design flaw in Tesla cars in 2014.

8. The court decision in California was upheld, ensuring justice for Cristina Balan.



9. Cristina Balan continues to fight for justice despite legal challenges.
10. The defamation case against the firm was related to intellectual property theft.
11. Cristina Balan was fired for cooperating with Tesla managers on safety concerns.
12. The court overturned the decision in California, providing hope for a fair trial for Cristina Balan.

Gap-Fill

13. Cristina Balan was fired after alleging that Tesla managers ignored her safety concerns in _____.
15. Ms. Balan, who battled _____, wants to clear her name and prove her innocence.
16. A Tesla whistleblower, Cristina Balan, won a legal battle against _____.
17. Cristina Balan hopes to face _____ in court.
18. Cristina Balan wants to _____ her name and prove her innocence.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Defamation case 2. 2014 3. Breast cancer 4. California 5. Lily Jamali 6. Face him in court

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

Gap-Fill: 13. 2014 15. breast cancer 16. Elon Musk's company 17. Elon Musk 18. clear

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What is the term used for a person officially charged with a crime?

Option: Defendant

Option: Plaintiff

Option: Witness

Option: Judge



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2. What is a conclusion reached after considering facts and evidence in a certain matter?
- Option: Chance
 - Option: Guess
 - Option: Opinion
 - Option: Verdict
3. What is a general term for a decline in mental ability?
- Option: Memory
 - Option: Concentration
 - Option: Intelligence
 - Option: Cognition
4. Which term describes a medical condition characterized by excessive body fat?
- Option: Anorexia
 - Option: Malnutrition
 - Option: Obesity
 - Option: Sarcopenia
5. What is the term for a person who exposes misconduct alleged dishonest or illegal activity occurring within an organization?
- Option: Collaborator
 - Option: Conspirator
 - Option: Whistleblower
 - Option: Instigator
6. What is the principle of moral rightness based on ethics rationality law natural law religion fairness and equity?
- Option: Vengeance
 - Option: Bribery
 - Option: Justice
 - Option: Corruption
7. What is the act of finding or learning something for the first time?
- Option: Concealment
 - Option: Obscurity
 - Option: Discovery
 - Option: Secrecy
8. What is the term for claiming or asserting that something is the case typically without providing evidence or proof?
- Option: Proving
 - Option: Admitting



- Option: Alleging
Option: Confessing

9. What is the term for publicly supporting or recommending a particular cause or policy?

- Option: Deterring
Option: Advocating
Option: Obstructing
Option: Rejecting

10. What is the arrangement of words and phrases to create well-formed sentences in a language?

- Option: Context
Option: Lexicon
Option: Grammar
Option: Syntax

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

11. In computer science a set of instructions that performs a specific task is called a

_____.

12. If a person disagrees with a court decision they may file an _____ to have the decision reviewed.

13. Prescribed drugs or substances used for medical treatment are commonly referred to as

_____.

14. A government agency or body responsible for controlling and supervising a particular area of activity is known as a _____.

15. Challenges or hindrances that impede progress or achievement are often called

_____.

16. The process of sharing or exchanging information through speech writing or other mediums is known as

_____.

17. The evidence presented strongly _____ that the suspect was at the scene of the



crime.

18. The gradual development or advancement of something over time is often referred to as

_____.

19. To inspire motivate or support someone to do something positive is to _____ them.

20. Her upbringing greatly _____ her beliefs and values as an adult.

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

21. The act of secretly obtaining information considered confidential or classified is known as espionage or .
22. He pursued his goals never backing down from a challenge.
23. The therapist focused on improving the patient's functions through various exercises.
24. Sitting for prolonged periods without movement can lead to health issues caused by .
25. Making false and damaging statements about someone's reputation is considered .
26. Her for the environment led her to become an active conservationist.
27. The legal proceeding where the guilt or innocence of a defendant is determined is called a .
28. Exposure to certain chemicals can have effects on the human body.
29. Before using the new device make sure to read the manual carefully.
30. The organization is dedicated to for the rights of marginalized communities.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Defendant 2. Verdict 3. Cognition 4. Obesity 5. Whistleblower 6. Justice 7. Discovery 8. Alleging 9. Advocating 10. Syntax

Gap-Fill: 11. Program 12. Appeal 13. Medications 14. Regulator 15. Obstacles 16. Communicate 17. Suggests 18. Evolution 19. Encourage 20. Influenced

Matching sentence: 1. Spying 2. Aggressively 3. Cognitive 4. Inactivity 5. Defamation 6. Concerns 7. Trial 8. Harmful 9. Instructions 10. Advocating



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