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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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STEPHANIE JONES, JONESWORKS LLC,  
Plaintiffs,  
- against -  
JENNIFER ABEL, MELISSA NATHAN, JUSTIN  
BALDONI, WAYFARER STUDIOS LLC, and JOHN  
DOES 1-10,  
Defendants.  
Case No. 1:25-cv-00779-LJL  
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September 30, 2025  
10:02 a.m.

CONFIDENTIAL DEPOSITION of  
JUSTINE HARRIS, taken by Defendants,  
pursuant to Notice, held at the offices  
of MEISTER SEELIG & FEIN PLLC, 125 Park  
Avenue, New York, New York before Wayne  
Hock, a Notary Public of the State of  
New York.

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1 ownership interests in the corporate 10:08:50  
2 entity. 10:08:51  
3 There were also two public 10:08:52  
4 filings related to Vanzan that I also 10:08:59  
5 reviewed. 10:09:00  
6 Q. Who are the owners of Vanzan? 10:09:01  
7 A. Blake Lively and her husband 10:09:02  
8 Ryan Reynolds are each fifty percent 10:09:07  
9 owners in the company. 10:09:10  
10 Q. Has that always been the 10:09:12  
11 case? 10:09:14  
12 A. Yes. 10:09:14  
13 Q. And who are the officers of 10:09:14  
14 Vanzan? 10:09:16  
15 A. Ms. Lively is the president. 10:09:16  
16 Ryan Reynolds is the vice president and 10:09:18  
17 the CFO. 10:09:20  
18 Q. And has that always been the 10:09:21  
19 case? 10:09:24  
20 A. Yes. 10:09:24  
21 Q. And what are their duties as 10:09:24  
22 each, if you know? 10:09:26  
23 A. Their -- I could describe to 10:09:27  
24 you the general business and purpose of 10:09:33  
25 Vanzan and I think that would help 10:09:36

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1 explain what their duties are. 10:09:38

2 Q. Sure. 10:09:40

3 A. Vanzan was established after 10:09:41

4 they were married in 2019 to handle 10:09:45

5 payroll and other administrative 10:09:50

6 matters for a variety of household 10:09:53

7 employees of Mr. Reynolds and Ms. 10:09:56

8 Lively. As described as I learned from 10:09:59

9 Allen Chanzis, there's a variety of 10:10:02

10 paperwork, not only payroll, but each 10:10:08

11 of the employees -- a hundred percent 10:10:11

12 of the employees who are paid through 10:10:13

13 Vanzan have nondisclosure agreements. 10:10:15

14 There are health benefits and other 10:10:21

15 employee benefits that are handled 10:10:23

16 through Vanzan, sometimes paperwork 10:10:27

17 related to other administrative 10:10:27

18 matters, bonuses are paid out at 10:10:28

19 year-end. And so Ms. Lively's role as 10:10:30

20 president of Vanzan involves delegating 10:10:38

21 and giving authority to Mr. Chanzis, 10:10:40

22 who is the business manager with 10:10:45

23 respect to matters relating to those 10:10:48

24 topics. 10:10:50

25 Q. And has she given that 10:10:51

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1 collection of documents. 10:33:20

2 Q. Did she tell you about any 10:33:21

3 oral communications she had with 10:33:23

4 Stephanie Jones or any representatives 10:33:27

5 thereof? 10:33:30

6 A. She did -- she did not -- she 10:33:31

7 said her -- excuse me, withdrawn. Let 10:33:35

8 me start again. 10:33:38

9 Her communications with Jones 10:33:39

10 and Jonesworks as in her capacity as a 10:33:45

11 representative of Vanzan were limited 10:33:50

12 to the communications she had with 10:33:53

13 Quinn Emanuel. 10:33:55

14 Q. Did you ever ask Ms. Bender 10:33:57

15 if anyone on behalf of Blake Lively 10:33:59

16 spoke with anyone on behalf of 10:34:03

17 Stephanie Jones via phone? 10:34:05

18 MS. O'DONNELL: Objection as 10:34:07

19 to form. Objection. Outside the 10:34:08

20 scope of the topics. 10:34:11

21 MR. BRUNO: Join. 10:34:12

22 THE WITNESS: I inquired of 10:34:12

23 both Ms. Bender and Ms. Lively 10:34:16

24 whether Vanzan, which I understand 10:34:20

25 to be the topic listed, whether 10:34:21

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1 to try to keep recounting to the 10:57:11  
2 best of my ability exactly the 10:57:16  
3 nature of the conversation. 10:57:17

4 Ms. Lively had given the 10:57:19  
5 information to counsel, the 10:57:24  
6 information she had learned from 10:57:26  
7 Ms. Jones subsequent to that. As 10:57:28  
8 president of Vanzan, she engaged 10:57:33  
9 and Vanzan engaged counsel prior 10:57:38  
10 about eight or nine days, I think, 10:57:42  
11 roughly prior to the filing of the 10:57:45  
12 state court litigation. Ms. Lively 10:57:47  
13 confirmed that she, on behalf of 10:57:51  
14 Vanzan, authorized the filing of 10:57:53  
15 the lawsuit. She then, subsequent 10:57:55  
16 to the filing of the lawsuit in 10:58:01  
17 state court, as president of 10:58:03  
18 Vanzan, authorized the service of 10:58:06  
19 the subpoena. She then, again, in 10:58:08  
20 her capacity as Vanzan president, 10:58:16  
21 received and reviewed the materials 10:58:18  
22 produced by Jonesworks in response 10:58:21  
23 to the subpoena. 10:58:23

24 Subsequent to that, she 10:58:26  
25 authorized the dismissal, the 10:58:29

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1 voluntary dismissal of the lawsuit 10:58:31  
2 in December of 2024. 10:58:34  
3 She also confirmed that other 10:58:37  
4 than whatever communications her 10:58:44  
5 lawyer -- excuse me, whatever 10:58:47  
6 communications Vanzan's lawyers had 10:58:49  
7 had with Quinn Emanuel about the 10:58:51  
8 service of the subpoena in 10:58:53  
9 connection with the state court 10:58:57  
10 litigation, she confirmed that 10:58:59  
11 Vanzan did not have any 10:59:02  
12 communications with Jones or 10:59:03  
13 Jonesworks at all. 10:59:06  
14 Q. You testified that Ms. Lively 10:59:09  
15 told you that she authorized Vanzan to 10:59:14  
16 file the state court lawsuit; right? 10:59:17  
17 A. On behalf of Vanzan, that's 10:59:19  
18 correct. 10:59:20  
19 Q. Did you ask Ms. Lively why 10:59:20  
20 she didn't commence that suit in her 10:59:23  
21 own name? 10:59:25  
22 MS. O'DONNELL: Objection. 10:59:26  
23 You can answer. 10:59:28  
24 THE WITNESS: I did not ask 10:59:29  
25 that question. 10:59:31

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1 damages to Vanzan? 02:44:50

2 MR. BRUNO: Objection to form. 02:44:53

3 MS. O'DONNELL: Objection as 02:44:54

4 to form. Objection as to the 02:44:54

5 attorney-client privilege. 02:44:57

6 You can testify to the extent 02:44:58

7 your answer doesn't call for 02:45:00

8 disclosure of attorney-client 02:45:02

9 privileged communications. 02:45:04

10 THE WITNESS: I don't have 02:45:05

11 nonprivileged information that 02:45:13

12 would specifically identify the 02:45:18

13 basis or explain the lawyers' 02:45:20

14 decisions in paragraph four. 02:45:24

15 Q. With respect to paragraph 02:45:27

16 seven, can you tell me what 02:45:37

17 nonprivileged knowledge you have that 02:45:40

18 Vanzan is not privy to the names or 02:45:44

19 identities of the individual defendants 02:45:47

20 Does One through Ten? 02:45:50

21 MS. O'DONNELL: Objection as 02:45:51

22 to form. Asked and answered. 02:45:52

23 Discussed in paragraph seven. 02:45:55

24 Objection as to the attorney-client 02:45:56

25 privilege. 02:45:59

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1	You can answer to the extent	02:45:59
2	it doesn't require any disclosure	02:46:00
3	of attorney-client communications.	02:46:03
4	MR. BRUNO: Join.	02:46:07
5	THE WITNESS: So I, as	02:46:07
6	Vanzan's corporate representative,	02:46:17
7	do not have nonprivileged	02:46:21
8	information about the specific	02:46:24
9	allegation or the basis for the	02:46:29
10	allegation relating to the lack of	02:46:40
11	information about the individuals	02:46:43
12	who breached or upon information	02:46:46
13	and belief breached their	02:46:51
14	contractual obligations and other	02:46:54
15	obligations to Vanzan.	02:46:56
16	Q. I'm looking at paragraph	02:46:57
17	thirteen.	02:47:00
18	Can you tell me what	02:47:00
19	nonprivileged information or knowledge	02:47:01
20	that you have that, in or around August	02:47:04
21	of 2024, the Doe defendants breached	02:47:07
22	the Doe duties?	02:47:10
23	MS. O'DONNELL: Objection as	02:47:11
24	to form. Not objection as to form	02:47:12
25	but objection as to attorney-client	02:47:18

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