

Boxing Promoter Don King Sues ESPN

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Don King filed a \$2.5 billion lawsuit against corporate giants Disney, ESPN, ABC Cable Networks and Advocate Communications Inc. Wednesday for airing a highly defamatory and reckless broadcast against King on Sports Century that also portrays King in a false light.

King's attorney, high-profile trial lawyer Willie Gary, who routinely takes on corporate giants to fight injustice on behalf of his clients said "this case is one of the worst examples of reckless broadcast journalism and blatant disregard for the truth." Gary and his legal team are joined by nationally acclaimed, first amendment expert and trial lawyer, Bruce Rogow of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

"Disney, ESPN, and other defendants had a duty to the public to make sure they checked their facts before airing such a defamatory piece against Don King. Sports Century not only falsely portrays Mr. King as a con artist, and a thug, but it published statements that are flat out untrue and could have been easily verified. In America, the press must be held accountable for the truth and accuracy of its publications and broadcasts. When the media publish or broadcast statements that show such reckless disregard for the truth, they must give an account for their actions," Gary added.

The lawsuit also contends that Disney, ESPN, and other defendants broadcast statements that intentionally and recklessly portray Don King in a false light and create an inference and innuendo that King was dishonest and engaged in illegal activities including physically endangering others in order to succeed in his profession.

"I have a lot of respect for freedom of speech and freedom of the press in America. It's a constitutional right. But the press does not have the right to slant and twist the truth to create a negative picture just because it sells. That's not right," said King.