

Supermodel/Entrepreneur Niki Taylor files lawsuit against E! Entertainment

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Supermodel/entrepreneur Niki Taylor filed a lawsuit today in the United States District Court for the Central District of California against E! Entertainment Television, Inc., E! Networks Productions, Inc. and one of its producers, for fraud, breach of contract, false light invasion of privacy, slander and intentional infliction of emotional distress based on the production and airing this week of the premiere episode of E! Entertainment's new series "Boulevard of Broken Dreams."

Representatives of E! Entertainment secured interviews of Niki and her manager, Lou Taylor of Tri Star Sports and Entertainment, by falsely representing that the show would focus on Niki's current life and professional endeavors, including her begin charitable foundation, her signature fragrance, her upcoming cosmetics line and her clothing boutique in Nashville. Contrary to these representations, however, the show focuses on hardships in Niki's past and falsely characterizes Niki as one of various celebrities "who risked everything ... and lost."

E! Entertainment repeatedly aired the program this week despite demands from Niki's attorneys that it pull the show from its line-up. In so doing, E! Entertainment "went too far," according to the complaint filed by Caroline H. Mankey of Christensen, Glaser, Fink, Jacobs, Weil & Shapiro, LLP. "They neglected their journalistic obligations to report truthfully and accurately; they violated express promises they made to the plaintiff, supermodel Niki Taylor; and they demonstrated a reprehensible disregard for the substantial harm their actions would cause to Ms. Taylor."

Niki says: "It's with great disappointment and regret that I have had to file this suit, as I have had a long-standing and very positive professional relationship with E! Entertainment throughout my career. However, due to the misrepresentations and fraudulent actions by the network and its executives, I have no other option but to take this action to resolve this matter. My life is far from a 'boulevard of broken dreams,' and as a matter of fact, with my recent marriage, successful fragrance line, clothing boutique and women's foundation, it's better than it's ever been! I hope that this unfortunate action serves to educate everyone who sees the show aired by E!, as to the true state of my life and career today."

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