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## **MORE WOMEN JOIN DEFAMATION COMPLAINT AGAINST BILL COSBY**

### ***Lawsuit will allow Cosby victims to have claims heard in court***

Washington, DC— More women have come forward to join a defamation complaint against comedian Bill Cosby, according to an amended complaint filed in federal court today. These Serignese and Linda Tritz, who claim to have been sexually assaulted by Cosby, have joined plaintiff Tamara Green in her suit against Cosby. The defamation suit presents a first of its kind opportunity for the plaintiffs, as well as other alleged victims of Cosby's assault, to have a forum to litigate their claims.

"This suit allows these women to finally have their day in court against Mr. Cosby in a forum where truth can be tried," said trial attorney, Joseph Cammarata, whose firm Chaikin, Sherman, Cammarata & Siegel P.C., is representing the women in the defamation suit. "These women claim to have been defamed after coming forward with their allegations and deserve the opportunity to have their stories heard."

Serignese, then an aspiring model, claims she was drugged and sexually assaulted by Cosby in 1976, and publicly disclosed her allegations in November 2014. The lawsuit notes that Cosby responded through his lawyer in a written statement to various media outlets denying the sexual assault had ever taken place, thereby accusing Serignese of being a liar.

Tritz alleges that in 1970 Cosby had a briefcase of pills and offered some to Tritz, which she declined, before he sexually assaulted her. She came forward with her allegations in November 2014 on her personal Facebook page. According to the suit, Cosby responded through his lawyer on two separate occasions using written statements to various media outlets saying there was no briefcase, that the sexual assault had never occurred and that Tritz was a liar.

The original suit was filed on December 10<sup>th</sup> on behalf of Tamara Green, who accused Cosby of sexually assaulting her in the 1970s. Green shared her story in the media beginning in 2005. The suit alleges that since Green's 2005 media appearances, Cosby has, through his publicist and lawyer, branded Green a liar.

Cammarata also represented Paula Jones in her sexual harassment suit against President Bill Clinton in the late 1990s.

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