Ashley Judd among accusers not interested in Harvey Weinstein's tentative \$44 million settlement, says she plans to see movie mogul in court

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The tentative \$44 million settlement involving Harvey Weinstein's sexual misconduct allegations won't drop the curtain on all lawsuits filed against the movie mogul, some of his accusers said Friday.

Ashley Judd, the first A-list actress to speak publicly about Weinstein's alleged pattern of predatory behavior, said in a Twitter post she's still full-steam ahead with her defamation claim against the disgraced producer.

"My lawsuit is ongoing and I intend to take <u>#harveyweinstein</u> to trial," she tweeted.

Judd opened the floodgates for scores of accusers when she revealed that Weinstein lured her to a suite of the Peninsula Beverly Hills hotel under the guise of a business meeting in the late 1990s and accosted her.

She said Weinstein stripped naked without warning, proposed they engage in massage and asked her to watch him shower — advances she rebuffed.

Judd claims Weinstein later defamed her to "Lord of the Rings" director Peter Jackson as retaliation. She says the trash-talking hurt her career because Jackson was considering her for a major role in the "Rings" franchise but removed her from consideration because Weinstein unfairly branded her a "nightmare."

Jackson revealed in a December 2017 interview that he dropped Judd "as a direct result" of "false information" he received from Miramax, the company Weinstein was running at the time.

Attorneys for yet another Weinstein accuser also stepped forward to say their client was not a party to the proposed \$44 million deal, expected to be paid by insurance companies.

"There is no deal to resolve all of the Harvey Weinstein rape and sexual assault cases. Our client has steadfastly rejected the proposed deal," lawyers Douglas H. Wigdor and Kevin Mintzer said on behalf of their client Wedil David, an actress who alleges Weinstein raped her in 2016.

They argued the proposed deal would "allow Harvey Weinstein and the men who enabled him, including his brother, Robert Weinstein, to escape liability and accountability without, apparently, contributing a dime of their own money," they said.

"Our client does not begrudge any victim who accepts a settlement that she finds acceptable. But she will not participate in a process that is fundamentally flawed and unfair," they said.