

# Wigdor LLP Files Race & Religious Discrimination Action Against Novelist Nicholas Sparks

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Wigdor LLP currently represents Mr. Saul Benjamin in an action against novelist Nicholas Sparks, the widely known author of *"The Notebook."* As alleged in the Complaint, Mr. Benjamin, former Headmaster of The Epiphany School of Global Studies founded by Sparks, was terminated without cause after being publicly condemned, harassed and intimidated by Sparks and other members of the School community, who demonized Mr. Benjamin for his religious beliefs and Jewish ethnicity. Mr. Benjamin, a distinguished educator, was committed to improving the racial, ethnic and religious diversity of the school. Despite Mr. Benjamin's efforts to increase the representation of African-American students and to support bullied LGBT students at the school, as alleged in the Complaint, he was met with an escalating and vicious discriminatory and retaliatory campaign which degraded and defamed him, and eventually forced him out of his position as Headmaster.

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