

Fox News' Kelly Wright accuses network of racial bias in suit

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After 14 years at Fox News, the stories of discrimination from his black colleagues convinced Kelly Wright that it was time to speak out.

The Emmy-winning anchor, at a Wednesday news conference, explained his motivation in joining a class-action lawsuit with 10 other network employees charging Fox with mistreating its African-American staff.

“Somewhere along the line, (Fox) lost their way and they’ve failed to include equality for all,” Wright said. “The (network) failed to be fair and balanced for all of our employees regardless of race, gender, faith, creed or color.”

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Fox News anchor Kelly Wright joins racial bias lawsuit

“I prayed about it, I cried over it,” said Wright. “I said, ‘I can no longer sit in silence, collect my paycheck, and act like I didn’t experience racial bias on my own level — an on-air personality.’”



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The civil court complaint was filed Tuesday in Bronx Supreme Court by current and past employees, accusing Fox of “abhorrent, intolerable, unlawful and hostile racial discrimination.”

The original complaint was made last month by Tichaona Brown and Tabrese Wright, a pair of African-Americans from the Fox News

payroll department.

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Fox has denied all allegations of racial discrimination brought in the court filings. “We will vigorously defend these cases,” said a Fox spokesperson.

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Wright noted that Fox, already tarred by charges of sexual harassment from high-profile ex-network stars like Megyn Kelly and Gretchen Carlson, has just one black male anchor on staff.



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“It speaks volumes of the disregard to equality at Fox News,” said Wright. “It is indefensible and inexcusable when there are so many talented black men and black women who are more than capable to fulfill that role.”

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Wright stressed that the decision to join the lawsuit did not come easy.



“This hurts,” he said. “We have a culture of systemic and institutional racial bias.”

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