

# '60 Minutes' producer alleges CBS News retaliated after she reported inappropriate behavior

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A producer at CBS News alleged in a lawsuit filed Tuesday that she was “ostracized, isolated and penalized” after reporting inappropriate behavior by a veteran “60 Minutes” producer.

Associate Producer Cassandra Vinograd, who previously worked for The Associated Press and NBC News, joined “60 Minutes” in its London bureau in June. Soon thereafter, senior producer Michael Gavshon engaged in inappropriate behavior that included sharing a photo in a text message of him and several friends urinating on a fire, according to the lawsuit filed in New York Supreme Court. The photo was included as evidence in the lawsuit.

Vinograd, 35, said she was taken off of her regular workload after reporting the matter and asking for an investigation.

“We look forward to holding CBS accountable for its unlawful conduct as alleged in the complaint,” said Jeanne M. Christensen, a partner at Wigdor LLP, the New York-based law firm representing Vinograd. “Contrary to CBS’s claims that it is doing the right thing when female employees report gender-related misconduct, as alleged, it appears that no meaningful changes to the culture at CBS have been made. It appears that CBS continues to protect senior male talent at the expense of junior women – business as usual.”

The Hill has reached out to CBS News for comment.

The network has been rocked by sexual harassment allegations in recent years.

In November 2017, “CBS This Morning” anchor [Charlie Rose](#) was ousted amid allegations of inappropriate sexual behavior.

In 2018, “60 Minutes” executive producer Jeff Fager and network CEO Les Moonves were ousted amid similar accusations.

All three have denied the allegations against them.