

Julia Ormond Claims Disney And CAA Enabled Harvey Weinstein's Sexual Abuse In New Lawsuit Harvey Weinstein

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Topline

English actress Julia Ormond sued convicted sex offender Harvey Weinstein of sexual battery Wednesday and accused the Creative Artists Agency, Disney and Miramax of enabling Weinstein's sexual misconduct—the subject of numerous allegations and multiple convictions that will likely see the disgraced producer serve the rest of his life in prison.

Ormond filed the lawsuit in New York. (Photo by Rich Fury/Invision/AP, File)
Associated Press

Key Facts

Ormond's lawsuit, filed in New York, says Weinstein forced her to strip naked and perform oral sex on him after a business dinner—one that Ormond said she went to in order to discuss a project she had been trying to get Weinstein to follow up on.

Ormond told her CAA agents, Bryan Lourd and Kevin Huvane, what Weinstein did to her, both of whom allegedly suggested Ormond would not be believed and damage her career if she reported Weinstein to the authorities.

CAA, which is being sued for negligence and breach of fiduciary duty, allegedly “lost interest in representing” Ormond, a dramatic hit to her career, according to the lawsuit.

Disney and Miramax, which was co-founded by Weinstein and owned by Disney in the 1990s, were sued for negligent supervision and retention.

Representatives for Weinstein, Disney, Miramax and the CAA did not immediately respond to *Forbes'* request for comment.

Crucial Quote

“The men at CAA who represented Ormond knew about Weinstein. So too did Weinstein's employers at Miramax and Disney,” the lawsuit said. “Brazenly, none of these prominent companies warned Ormond that Weinstein had a history of assaulting women because he was too important, too powerful, and made them too much money.”

Key Background

Ormond is best known for her roles in movies such as western drama *Legends of the Fall*, where she starred opposite Brad Pitt, *First Knight* and *Smilla's Sense of Snow*. Most of her prominent roles were portrayed in the 1990s, though she's since taken to TV series and movies such as HBO's *Temple Grandin* and *The Walking Dead: World Beyond*. Her lawsuit against Weinstein is one of several the Miramax co-founder has been hit with since he was exposed in a [*New York Times*](#) story detailing payouts, confidentiality clauses and decades of sexual misconduct allegations against him from actresses including Rose McGowan and Ashley Judd. Weinstein was sentenced earlier this year to 16 years in prison after being convicted on one count of rape and two counts of sexual assault in Los Angeles. The convictions added on to a pre-existing 23-year sentence Weinstein received in New York for a rape and sexual assault conviction. Weinstein, 71, is very likely to spend the rest of his life behind bars.

Further Reading

[Julia Ormond Sues Harvey Weinstein for Battery, CAA and Disney as Enablers of Sexual Assault \(*Variety*\)](#)

Julia Ormond Sues Disney And CAA Over Harvey Weinstein Sexual Assault (*Deadline*)



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