

Julia Ormond sues Harvey Weinstein, Hollywood studios and agency over alleged sexual assault

The *Legends of the Fall* actress alleges that Weinstein assaulted her in 1995, and is accusing Disney, Miramax, and CAA of negligence.

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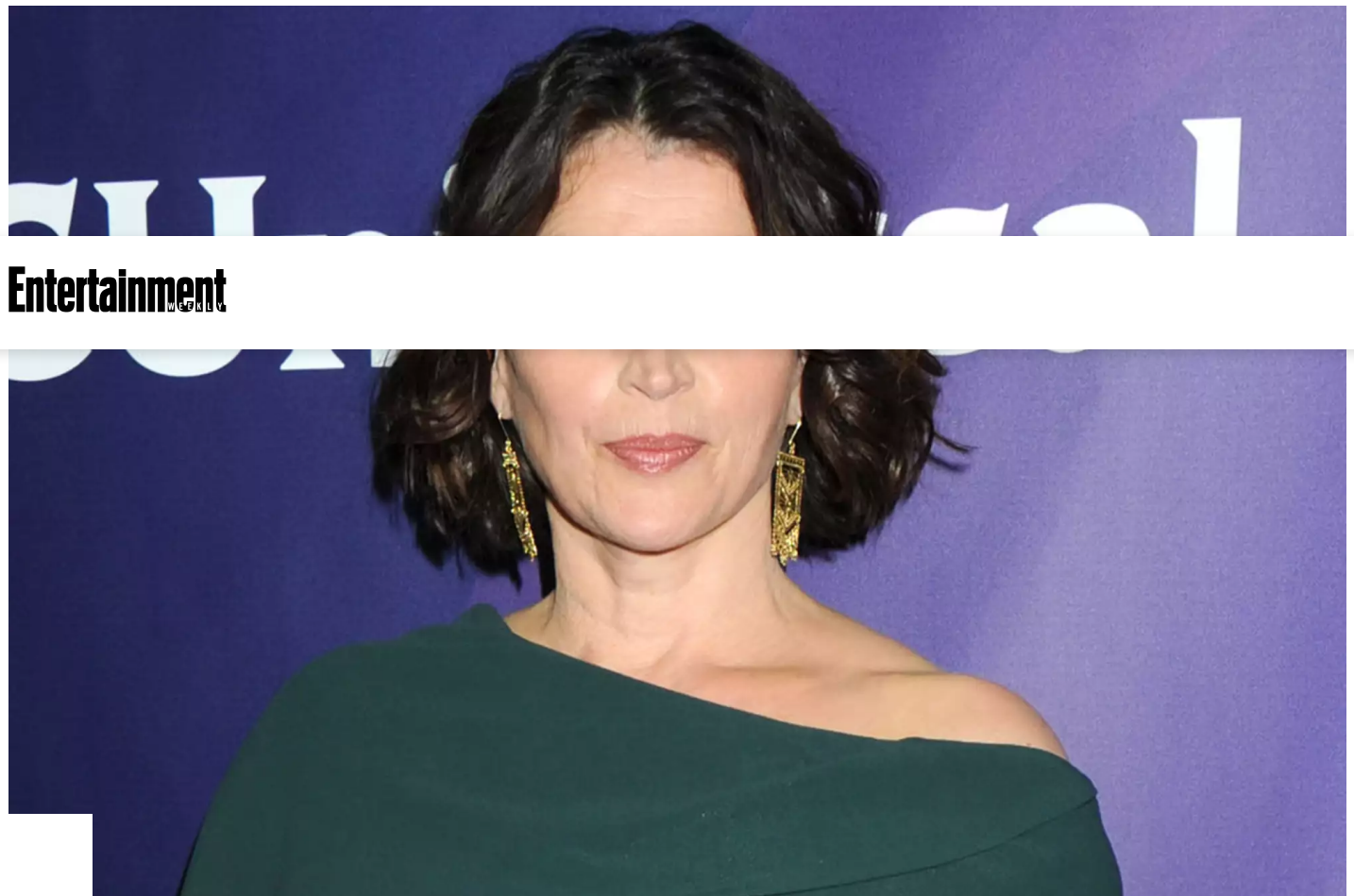
Julia Ormond is suing disgraced film producer Harvey Weinstein for sexual battery, alleging that he assaulted her in 1995.

The English actress, known for her roles in such films as *Legends of the Fall* and *My Week With Marilyn*, is also suing the Walt Disney Company, Miramax, and Creative

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In a complaint filed Wednesday in New York State Supreme Court and reviewed by EW, Ormond, 58, alleges that Weinstein, 71, sexually assaulted her in December 1995 after a business dinner in her apartment. According to Ormond, Weinstein would only discuss their latest film project back at the apartment Miramax had provided her as part of their first-look deal. There, he allegedly stripped naked, lured Ormond into giving him a massage, and forced Ormond to perform oral sex on him.

Ormond claims she informed her CAA agents at the time, Bryan Lourd and Kevin Huvane (both of whom are mentioned throughout the complaint but not listed as defendants), and says they cautioned her from speaking out, suggesting that Weinstein would "seriously damage her career," and failed to protect her. She further alleges that the agency soon "lost interest in representing her, and her career suffered dramatically."



Julia Ormond | CREDIT: SHUTTERSTOCK

"The men at CAA who represented Ormond knew about Weinstein. So too did Weinstein's employers at Miramax and [its parent company] Disney," the complaint says. "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."

Ormond filed the complaint under New York's one-year lookback window for survivors who were over the age of 18 to sue their at-

"After living for decades with the pain of Harvey Weinstein, I am humbled and grateful to get it out," Ormond said in a statement. "The industry provided me a window of opportunity and institutions like my talent agents and lawyers provided cover for Weinstein to assault

personal closure by holding them accountable to acknowledge their part and the depth of its harms and hope that all of our increased understanding will lead to further protections for all of us at work."

An attorney for Weinstein, Imran H. Ansari, "categorically denied" the allegations to

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Ormond's claims, he said.



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A CAA spokesperson said in a statement of sexual assault and abuse seriously, experience she described in her complaint levied against the agency are complete

The spokesperson added that the agency court.

Representatives for Disney and Miramax didn't immediately respond to EW's requests for comment.

Weinstein is currently servicing 23 years behind bars after being convicted of rape and sexual assault in New York in 2020. In February, he was sentenced to an additional 16

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innocence, telling a judge prior to his sentencing earlier this year that the allegations are "about money and coming after me."

[This article has been updated with comment from CAA and Ormond.]

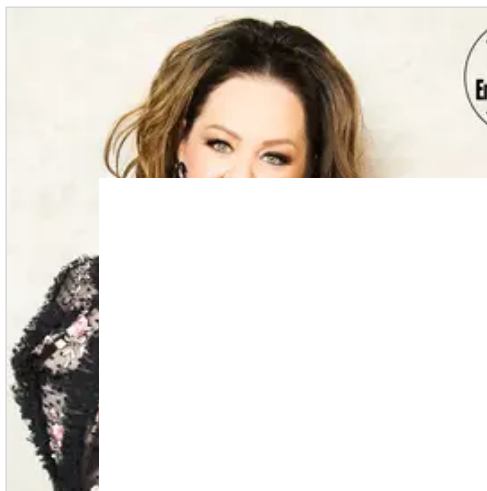
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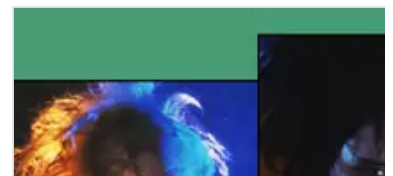
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