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Actor Julia Ormond Sues Harvey Weinstein For Battery



Julia Ormond photographed at the Sundance Film Festival on January 25, 2017 in Park City, Utah. Ormond filed a lawsuit on Oct. 4, 2023 accusing Harvey Weinstein of assaulting her in 1995 and then hindering her career, and against the Walt Disney Company, Miramax and her former agents for allegedly looking the other way. Matt Winkelmeyer—Getty Images

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Julia Ormond, who starred in films alongside Harrison Ford in the 1990s before her husband's arrest on Wednesday accusing disgraced movie producer Harvey Weinstein of assaulting her in 1995 and then hindering her career.



in state Supreme Court in Manhattan under **the Adult Survivors Act**, a law passed last year that allows a temporary window for those who allege sexual assault to file past the state's normal deadlines.

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In her lawsuit, Ormond says she was a star on the rise when she met Weinstein in 1994. She says she kept in touch with him to discuss scripts and projects, and in 1995 entered into a production agreement with Miramax, where he was co-chairman. She accuses him of committing sexual battery on her in December 1995 after a business meeting, which she says "negatively affected her career after she (

Weinstein attorney Imran Ansari said his lawyer "vehemently defend himself."

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The British actress says she told her U.S. agents at the time, Creative Artists Agency, but received no support and was advised not to take any legal action or other steps. She accuses CAA, Disney and Miramax, saying that they knew Weinstein presented a danger to women but did nothing to stop him or to help her.

According to the filing, “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.”

CAA responded in a statement that the agency “takes all allegations of sexual assault and abuse seriously, and has compassion for Ms. Ormond.”

The statement said the agency hired attorneys to investigate her claims when she first came to them in March, and they found only “evidence of a dynamic and engaged relationship between CAA a consistent efforts to support her career.”

“Ms. Ormond’s claims against CAA are based on facts that we will refute them in court,” the statement said



of sexual assault, but it is in this case because Ormond has spoken publicly about it, including in an interview with Variety.

Weinstein, 71, was **convicted of rape and sexual assault** in New York in 2020 and is in prison in the state. Last year, he also **was convicted of another rape** in Los Angeles. He has appealed both convictions.

Dozens of women have sued Weinstein, many of them actors, but few have named such a broad list of defendants as Ormond. Suing her own former agents is an especially unusual move.

Emails seeking comment were also sent to Disney and Miramax.

Ormond's films include "Legends of the Fall" with Pitt; "Sabrina" with Ford; and "First Knight" with Sean Connery and Richard Gere.

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