

34TH ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT LAW INSTITUTE

November 20, 2024

Overview:

Partner Brent Turman and Associate Laura Lavernia will be presenting the “Anti-SLAPP Case Study: Dealing with Defamation, Business Disparagement, and Social Media” at the 34th Annual Entertainment Law Institute (ELI), co-sponsored by The University of Texas School of Law and the Entertainment and Sports Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. Additionally, Brent will serve as the presiding officer.

Date/Location:

Thursday, November 21, 2024

AT&T Conference Center
Austin, TX

Event Details:

The 34th Annual Entertainment Law Institute (ELI) continues to bring together an outstanding faculty of nationally-regarded practitioners and industry insiders to keep entertainment lawyers up to date on the latest emerging trends, issues and breaking developments in music, film, games and digital media.

Anti-SLAPP Case Study: Dealing with Defamation, Business Disparagement, and Social Media

Presented by Brent Turman and Laura Lavernia

Using a recent case, explore the business disparagement claims asserted against a prosthodontist and his dental practice, and the subsequent dismissal of these claims with a Chapter 27 Anti-SLAPP Motion to Dismiss. Stemming from a series of Instagram live videos, Kenneth Wilstead a/k/a "Dr. Kenny Smiles" sued Dr. Ortiz for business disparagement and invasion of privacy. However, using publicly available information, Wilstead's claims were rebutted by informing the court of a likely and entirely unrelated basis for why Wilstead's business had declined: his character and practices had been called into question by certain of his current and prospective female patients.

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