

**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NEW YORK**

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SUMMER ZERVOS,

Plaintiff,

**COMPLAINT AND JURY
DEMAND**

-against-

DONALD J. TRUMP,

Defendant.

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Plaintiff Summer Zervos, by and through her attorneys, Allred, Maroko & Goldberg and Cuti Hecker Wang LLP, for her Complaint alleges as follows:

INTRODUCTION

1. Summer Zervos is one of many women who has been subjected to unwanted sexual touching by Donald J. Trump. By his own account, Mr. Trump engaged in such assaultive behavior regularly, and with impunity, telling Billy Bush in an unguarded moment that he can “just start kissing [women]. . . Just kiss. I don’t even wait. And when you’re a star, they let you do it. You can do anything. Grab them by the pussy. You can do anything.”

2. Ms. Zervos was ambushed by Mr. Trump on more than one occasion. Mr. Trump suddenly, and without her consent, kissed her on her mouth repeatedly; he touched her breast; and he pressed his genitals up against her. Ms. Zervos never consented to any of this disgusting touching. Instead, she repeatedly expressed that he should stop his inappropriate sexual behavior, including by shoving him away from her forcefully, and telling him to “get real.” Mr. Trump did not care, he kept touching her anyway.

22. In early December 2007, Ms. Zervos was going to be in New York for a social obligation. She contacted Mr. Trump's office to see whether he was available to have lunch with her while she was in New York City. Ms. Zervos was informed that Mr. Trump did not have time for lunch, but that he would make time to meet with her at his office in Trump Tower.

MR. TRUMP SEXUALLY ASSAULTS SUMMER ZERVOS

23. As soon as she arrived at his office, Mr. Trump immediately kissed Ms. Zervos on the lips. She was taken aback, but thought perhaps that Mr. Trump just greeted people that way. They sat down and began talking.

24. Mr. Trump was extremely complimentary of Ms. Zervos. He said that he was very impressed with how she had handled herself on *The Apprentice* and that he had never met anyone with her combination of being smart, attractive and with as large a set of "balls" as she had. Mr. Trump told her he would love to have her work for him. Ms. Zervos was very excited and felt that her dream of working for Mr. Trump might come true.

25. As she was about to leave, Mr. Trump suddenly kissed Ms. Zervos on the lips a second time.

26. The kisses on her mouth -- done without her consent -- made Ms. Zervos feel uncomfortable, nervous and embarrassed. She felt that it was inappropriate behavior. She spoke to a friend and her parents about it, all of whom concluded that this must just be the way that Mr. Trump greeted people.

27. After Ms. Zervos returned to California, Mr. Trump called Ms. Zervos, using the phone number she had given him at his request at the end of their New York meeting. He called her his OC Angel, because he knew she was from Orange County. In another, later call,

he indicated that he was coming to Los Angeles, and then called her again after he had landed, asking her to meet him that evening at the Beverly Hills Hotel for dinner at a restaurant.

28. When Ms. Zervos arrived at the Beverly Hills Hotel, Mr. Trump's security guard led her to a bungalow. Ms. Zervos then waited in an entryway. To her left was a bedroom and she saw clothes on the bed. Mr. Trump called out "hello" in a sing song voice. Ms. Zervos sat down in the living room area. After waiting for Mr. Trump for nearly 15 minutes he came out of a bedroom in a suit.

29. Mr. Trump immediately started kissing Ms. Zervos open mouthed, pulling her towards him. Ms. Zervos walked away and sat on a chair, trying to make conversation, but Mr. Trump asked her to sit next to him on a love seat. Ms. Zervos complied. After Ms. Zervos sat next to him, Mr. Trump grabbed her shoulder, again kissing her very aggressively, and placed his hand on her breast. Ms. Zervos pulled back and walked to another part of the room.

30. Mr. Trump walked up to Ms. Zervos, grabbed her hand, and led her into the bedroom. Ms. Zervos walked out. Mr. Trump turned Ms. Zervos around and said, "Let's lay down and watch some telly telly." He embraced her and she tried to push him away, shoving his chest away from her and telling him sternly "come on man, get real." Mr. Trump repeated her words back to her lasciviously, drawing out the second word and saying, "get reeeeee," as he began to press his genitals against her, trying to kiss her again.

31. Ms. Zervos again told him she was not interested, saying "dude, you're tripping right now." Mr. Trump asked her what she wanted, and she replied that she had come for dinner. Mr. Trump then said, "okay, we'll have dinner." He paced around the room and seemed angry. He told her that he did not believe that she had ever known love or been in love.

32. Just prior to dinner arriving, Mr. Trump became "all business," and began

questioning Ms. Zervos as though she was on a job interview. Dinner consisted of a club sandwich and fries, which Ms. Zervos and Mr. Trump shared. He complained about the price. When dinner arrived, Mr. Trump asked Ms. Zervos to wait in the adjoining room (not the bedroom), while the waiter was delivering the food. After the waiter left, Mr. Trump told her she could come out.

33. The conversation focused on Ms. Zervos's mortgage on her home. Ms. Zervos told Mr. Trump that her mortgage was in good standing. Mr. Trump told her to let her mortgage go into default and then tell the bank that they could take back her home. He told her to tell the bank that she would be leaving the keys to her home on the table, and the bank could come pick them up. He said that it was a mini-version of what he does. He was emphatic that Ms. Zervos should not make another payment on her loan.

34. He abruptly ended the conversation saying he needed to go to bed, and told her to meet him the next morning at his golf course in Palos Verdes.

35. Ms. Zervos felt confused by what had happened. She felt that he still wanted to talk with her about a job even though she had rejected his sexual advances. She thought that perhaps Mr. Trump had been testing her and that she had passed. She drove straight to her family's business to discuss what happened with her father, and to get his advice as to whether she should go to the golf course the following day, given what had occurred. After speaking with her father Ms. Zervos decided to go to meet Mr. Trump the following day.

36. Ms. Zervos did go to the golf course the next day, but only briefly met with Mr. Trump, who introduced her to the general manager who took her on a tour. By the time that they got back from that tour, Mr. Trump was nowhere in sight.

37. Within a few days after the tour, Mr. Trump called Ms. Zervos to ask if she had called the bank, as he had instructed her to do. She told him that it was Christmas Eve and that she had not done so as of yet.

38. Later that week the general manager of Mr. Trump's golf course called and offered her a job, at half the salary that she had told Mr. Trump that she was seeking.

39. Ms. Zervos called Mr. Trump to tell him she was upset, because it felt like she was being penalized for not sleeping with him. Mr. Trump said he was golfing and could not discuss it with her at that time.

40. Even though Mr. Trump had sexually harassed Ms. Zervos, she believed that because she had turned him down, Mr. Trump would hire her purely on her merit, and in 2009 and 2010 Ms. Zervos continued to try to get a job within the Trump organization. Mr. Trump gave her the run around, but she still bore Mr. Trump no ill will.

41. In fact, when Mr. Trump began running for President in 2016, Ms. Zervos consistently complimented him to others, and never said anything publicly about how he had groped and sexually assaulted her.

42. Ms. Zervos continued to believe that Mr. Trump's sexually inappropriate misconduct towards her at the Beverly Hills Hotel was either a test or an isolated incident, about which Mr. Trump was embarrassed and ashamed.

43. In April 2016, Ms. Zervos attempted to contact Mr. Trump. She wanted to give him an opportunity to apologize to her. At that time she had no knowledge of any inappropriate behavior by Mr. Trump with other women. Ms. Zervos contacted Mr. Trump's secretary, though she did not explain fully why she wanted to connect with Mr. Trump. In a

different email directed to him personally, she did indicate that their past encounter had been hurtful and embarrassing. She never heard back.

44. In July 2016, Mr. Trump was selected as the presidential nominee for the Republican Party.

DONALD TRUMP'S STATEMENTS ABOUT HIS BEHAVIOR

45. On October 7, 2016, the *Access Hollywood* tape was reported widely. The recording revealed Mr. Trump speaking in an open, uninhibited and honest way to Billy Bush during moments when he did not realize he was being recorded. His own description of how he treated women – how he could grab them and kiss them, and grab their private parts without any consequence, because he was a “star,” was shocking on many levels. The sheer brutality of his words, the complete nonchalance and gleefulness with which he described how he abused and assaulted women, and the way he spoke about them (“bitches”) and their bodies (“big phony tits”), were all deeply offensive and disgusting.

46. For Ms. Zervos it was even more than that. She knew, as a result of that tape, that the excuses and rationalizations she had created for Mr. Trump and his behavior towards her were completely wrong. Rather than his inappropriate sexual conduct being an aberration for Mr. Trump, Ms. Zervos now realized that Mr. Trump’s behavior towards her was his normal behavior towards women, and that Mr. Trump believed that he was entitled to engage in that misconduct because of his position.

47. Then, on October 9, 2016, during a presidential debate, Mr. Trump lied.

48. In response to a question by Anderson Cooper about the *Access Hollywood* tape, Mr. Trump unequivocally denied engaging in the kind of behavior he boasted about to Billy Bush, and chalked his words up to merely being “locker room talk.”

MS. ZERVOS SPEAKS OUT ABOUT DONALD TRUMP'S ASSAULTIVE BEHAVIOR TOWARDS HER

49. Ms. Zervos knew better. She had experienced Mr. Trump's assaultive behavior first-hand, and she knew it aligned precisely with Mr. Trump's own, unedited description in the *Access Hollywood* tape of how he treats women.

50. Ms. Zervos chose to come forward and to speak publicly about her experience with Mr. Trump. She felt that telling the world of her specific experiences with him was ethically the right thing to do, so that the public could evaluate Mr. Trump fully as a candidate for president, and could take both her experiences and Mr. Trump's denials into consideration.

51. Ms. Zervos did not come forward in order to be famous.

52. Ms. Zervos did not come forward at the urging, request or requirement of Hillary Clinton or the Democratic National Committee.

53. On October 14, 2016, at approximately 2:45 p.m. EST, Ms. Zervos publicly described her interactions with Mr. Trump in detail, including his unwanted sexual misconduct.

DONALD TRUMP'S NUMEROUS FALSE, DEFAMATORY STATEMENTS CONCERNING SUMMER ZERVOS

54. Mr. Trump, the Republican candidate for President of the United States, wasted no time in using his bully pulpit to skewer and deride Ms. Zervos with false statements of fact.

55. Mr. Trump's immediate response, in the late afternoon or evening of October 14, 2016, was falsely to state: "To be clear, I never met her at a hotel or greeted her inappropriately a decade ago. That is not who I am as a person, and it is not how I've conducted my life." Mr. Trump's statement was posted on his campaign website, and widely reported in the media.

56. That same evening, October 14, 2016, Mr. Trump's campaign issued a statement by Ms. Zervos's cousin, John Barry, who described how Ms. Zervos had only said nice things about Mr. Trump in the past. He concluded: "I think Summer wishes she could still be on reality TV, and in an effort to get that back she's saying all of these negative things about Mr. Trump. That's not how she talked about him before. I can only imagine that Summer's actions today are nothing more than an attempt to regain the spotlight at Mr. Trump's expense . . ." On information and belief, Mr. Trump's campaign team drafted and issued Barry's statement at Mr. Trump's direction and with his approval.

57. In fact, that first cousin, a Trump supporter, had been fired from Ms. Zervos's family's restaurant because he was unreliable, and was apparently disgruntled as a result. In a text, that cousin had referred to himself as a "loser."

58. In the hours and days that followed, Mr. Trump became obsessed with calling Ms. Zervos and any other woman who came forward to report his abuse liars with improper motives. Deliberately false, defamatory statements spewed forth and out of his Twitter account – often at odd hours, and on information and belief, written and posted from his home in New York City – and unfettered at large rallies to angry crowds.

59. At around 7:15 p.m. on October 14, 2016, within hours of Ms. Zervos coming forward, Mr. Trump shouted at a rally in Charlotte, North Carolina that "These allegations are 100% false . . . They are made up, they never happened . . . It's not hard to find a small handful of people willing to make false smears for personal fame, who knows maybe for financial reasons, political purposes."

60. At 3:51 a.m., October 15, 2016, Mr. Trump tweeted: "100% fabricated and made-up charges . . ."

61. Less than an hour later, at 4:45 a.m., October 15, 2016, Mr. Trump tweeted about: “the media pushing false and unsubstantiated charges, and outright lies”

62. A few hours later, at 8:52 a.m., October 15, 2016, Mr. Trump republished the false statement about Ms. Zervos, as issued by his own campaign team on behalf of Ms. Zervos’s first cousin, stating: “Summer’s actions today are nothing more than an attempt to regain the spotlight at Mr. Trump’s expense.”

63. At 11:29 a.m., October 15, 2016, Mr. Trump tweeted: “Nothing ever happened with any of these women. Totally made up nonsense to steal the election.”

64. At approximately 12:30 p.m., October 15, 2016, at a rally in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Mr. Trump stated: “[T]oday, the cousin of one of these people, very close to her, wrote a letter that what she said is a lie. That she was a huge fan of Donald Trump. That she invited Donald Trump to her restaurant to have dinner, which by the way I didn’t go to, didn’t even know who the heck we’re talking about here. But these allegations have been, many of them already proven so false” Later he said: “Total lies, and you’ve been seeing total lies . . . you have phony people coming up with phony allegations”

65. At approximately 3:30 p.m., October 15, 2016, at a rally in Bangor, Maine, Mr. Trump again said these were “false allegations and outright lies, in an effort to elect Hillary Clinton President . . . False stories, all made-up. Lies. Lies. No witnesses, no nothing. All big lies.”

66. At 4:36 a.m., October 16, 2016, Mr. Trump tweeted: “Polls close, but can you believe I lost large numbers of women voters based on made up events THAT NEVER HAPPENED.”

67. At 5:31 a.m., October 16, 2016, Mr. Trump tweeted that the Clinton

Campaign is “putting stories that never happened into the news!”

68. At 5:15 a.m., October 17, 2016, Mr. Trump tweeted: “Can’t believe these totally phoney stories, 100% made up by women (many already proven false)”

69. At 5:24 a.m., October 17, 2016, Mr. Trump retweeted a statement that included a picture of Summer Zervos, stating “This is all yet another hoax.” Mr. Trump commiserated in agreement, adding: “Terrible”



70. At 12:31 p.m., October 17, 2016, Mr. Trump tweeted that the media had put “women front and center with made-up stories and lies”

71. At approximately 6:30 p.m., October 17, 2016, at a rally in Green Bay, Wisconsin, Mr. Trump stated: “The media . . . they take a story, with absolutely nothing, that didn’t exist, and they put it [sic] front page news because they want to poison the minds of the voters.” Later, he said: “They want to put nice sexy headlines up, even though nothing happened. Nothing took place. Even though it’s a total fabrication.”

72. At approximately 1:30 p.m., October 18, 2016, at a rally at Grand Junction,

Colorado, Mr. Trump stated: “The press . . . rigged it from the beginning by telling totally false stories. Most recently about phony allegations”

73. During the presidential debate on October 19, 2016, in Las Vegas, Nevada, Mr. Trump reiterated that the reports of all the women who had come forward since the last debate on October 9 saying that he sexually assaulted them were “totally false.” Specifically, in a rambling answer to a question posed by Chris Wallace, Mr. Trump stated: “I would say the only way – because those stories are all totally false, I have to say that. And I didn’t even apologize to my wife, who’s sitting right here, because I didn’t do anything. I didn’t know any of these women – I didn’t see these women. These women – the woman on the plane, the – I think they want either fame or her campaign did it . . . I believe, Chris, that she got these people to step forward. If it wasn’t, they get their 10 minutes of fame. But they were all totally – it was all fiction. It was lies, and it was fiction.”

74. At approximately 11:30 a.m., October 22, 2016, at a rally at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, Mr. Trump stated: “Every woman lied when they came forward to hurt my campaign, total fabrication. The events never happened. Never. All of these liars will be sued after the election is over.”

75. All of the above statements by Mr. Trump are false and defamatory.

76. Mr. Trump knew he was lying, again and again and again, in all of the above statements.

77. When he made these statements, Mr. Trump knew that Summer Zervos had told the truth about their interaction. Mr. Trump knew that he had, in fact, engaged in unwanted sexual touching of many women, including Summer Zervos, both because he was present for and knew what he had done to Summer Zervos in 2007, and separately, because he knew that he