

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
MIAMI DIVISION

Case Number: 24-cv-21050-CMA

PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP, an  
individual,

Plaintiff,

v.

AMERICAN BROADCASTING  
COMPANIES, INC., a Delaware corporation,  
ABC NEWS, INC., a Delaware corporation,  
and GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS, an  
individual,

Defendants.

**JOINT NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT**

Plaintiff PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP and Defendants AMERICAN BROADCASTING COMPANIES, INC., ABC NEWS, INC., and GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS, by and through undersigned counsel, hereby give notice to the Court that the parties have settled this action. The parties have entered into a written settlement agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Date: December 14, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that on December 14, 2024 the foregoing was served via the

Court's CM/ECF System upon:

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## **SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE AGREEMENT**

This Settlement and Release Agreement (the “Agreement”) is entered into as of December 13, 2024, by and between President Donald J. Trump (“Plaintiff”), American Broadcasting Companies, Inc., (“ABC”), ABC News, Inc. (“ABC News”), and George Stephanopoulos (“GS”); (ABC, ABC News, and GS are collectively the “Defendants”). Collectively, Plaintiff, and each of the Defendants are the “Parties,” and each of the Parties is a “Party.”

### **RECITALS**

**WHEREAS** on March 10, 2024, ABC broadcasted an interview between GS and United States Representative Nancy Mace on *This Week With George Stephanopoulos*, republished the interview on abcnews.go.com and other media, and quoted from the interview in a March 10, 2024 online article<sup>1</sup> (the “Interview”); and

**WHEREAS** on March 18, 2024, Plaintiff sued the Defendants in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Miami Division (the “Court”), in the action captioned *President Donald J. Trump v. American Broadcasting Companies, Inc., ABC News, Inc. and George Stephanopoulos*, Case No. 1:24-cv-21050 stating that certain statements contained in that interview were false and defamatory (the “Action”); and

**WHEREAS** the Parties desire to resolve the Action without further litigation and, therefore, have agreed to compromise, settle, and release any and all claims between Plaintiff and Defendants that arise out of the Interview or the Action to avoid the further expense, inconvenience and distraction of litigation.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/nancy-mace-defends-support-trump-after-found-liable/story?id=107964612>

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants and agreements set forth in this Agreement, and the Parties agreeing to release one another of any related claims or liability and for the good and valuable consideration recited herein, the receipt and sufficiency of which each of the Parties acknowledges, and intending to be bound hereby, the Parties agree as follows:

**1. Contribution.**

ABC shall cause a transfer in the amount of fifteen million U.S. dollars (USD \$15,000,000) (the “Charitable Contribution”) to be made to a Presidential foundation and museum to be established by or for Plaintiff, as Presidents of the United States of America have established in the past, in full settlement and satisfaction of Plaintiff’s Released Claims as defined in paragraph 5(A) of this Agreement. The Charitable Contribution shall be made by Defendants within 10 calendar days of the Effective Date of this Agreement to an escrow account to be established by Plaintiff’s counsel, who will serve as the escrow agent (the “Escrow Agent”) for this specific Charitable Contribution. Within 10 calendar days after Plaintiff or his counsel present written confirmation that the appropriate entity has been established by the Plaintiff, and its 501 (c)(3) status has been recognized by the Internal Revenue Service, Defendants shall authorize the Escrow Agent in writing to release the Charitable Contribution to the subject entity.

**2. Defendants’ Statement.**

Within one calendar day of the Effective Date of this Agreement, Defendants shall publicly publish the following statement by adding it as an editor’s note at the bottom of the March 10, 2024 Online Article:

“ABC News and George Stephanopoulos regret statements regarding President Donald J. Trump made during an interview by George Stephanopoulos with Rep. Nancy Mace on ABC’s This Week on March 10, 2024.”

3. **Payment of Reasonable Attorney's Fees.**

Defendants shall cause a payment in the amount of one million U.S. dollars (USD \$1,000,000) to be made to Plaintiff's counsel, Brito, PLLC, no later than 10 calendar days after the Effective Date of this Settlement Agreement or the receipt of a completed W9, whichever is later.

4. **Dismissal of the Action.**

On the Effective Date, the Parties shall file a Notice of Settlement and shall attach this Agreement to such Notice of Settlement. Within five calendar days of the Defendants' payment to Plaintiff's counsel of both amounts set forth in paragraphs 1 and 3, above, Plaintiff shall file a stipulation of dismissal with prejudice with the Court and take whatever other actions are necessary to ensure that the Action is dismissed in its entirety with prejudice.

5. **Releases.**

*A. Plaintiff's Release.* Plaintiff hereby releases and forever discharges the Defendants, together with their predecessors, successors, direct and indirect parent companies, direct and indirect subsidiary companies, companies under common control with any of the foregoing, affiliates, and assigns, and their past, present, and future officers, directors, shareholders, interest holders, members, partners, attorneys, agents, employees, managers, representatives, assigns, and successors in interest, and all persons acting by, through, under or in concert with them, and each of them, for any acts or omissions related to or arising from the Interview or the Action (collectively, "Plaintiff's Released Claims"). Plaintiff is not releasing Defendants of their obligations under this Agreement.

*B. Defendants' Release.* Defendants hereby release and forever discharge Plaintiff, together with his attorneys, agents, employees, managers, representatives, assigns, and successors in interest, and all persons acting by, through, under or in concert with

them, and each of them, for any acts or omissions related to or arising from the Interview or the Action. (collectively, “Defendants’ Released Claims”). Defendants are not releasing Plaintiff of his obligations under this Agreement.

**6. Representations and Warranties.**

**A. *No Assignment or Transfer of Claims.*** Each Party represents and warrants that it is the rightful owner of and has not encumbered, assigned, or transferred, nor will it in the future attempt to encumber, assign, or transfer, any claim for relief or cause of action released herein.

**B. *Parties’ Authority to Settle.*** Each Party represents and warrants that it has full authority to enter into, deliver, and perform under this Agreement.

**C. *Signatories’ Authority to Execute Agreement.*** Each signatory to this Agreement represents and warrants that it is authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Party for which they executed this Agreement.

**7. Cooperation.**

Each Party agrees to take all actions and to make, deliver, sign, and file any other documents and instruments necessary to carry out the terms, provisions, purpose, and intent of this Agreement.

**8. Agreement is Legally Binding.**

The Parties intend this Agreement to be legally binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties’ respective successors-in-interest, assigns, transferees, grantees, heirs, executors, administrators and representatives.

9. **Entire Agreement.**

This Agreement constitutes the final, complete and exclusive agreement and understanding between and among the Parties and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous written or oral agreements related to its subject matter.

10. **Interpretation.**

The headings in this Agreement are for convenience and are not to be used as an aid in interpreting its terms. The Parties agree that they participated equally in drafting and negotiating the terms of this Agreement, and the rule of construction that any ambiguities are to be construed against the drafting party shall not apply to this Agreement.

11. **Waiver or Modification.**

No waiver of any term or provision of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing by the Party making the waiver, and no modification or amendment to this Agreement shall be binding unless in writing and executed by all Parties.

12. **Provisions Severable.**

If any provision of this Agreement shall for any reason be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement shall be enforced to the greatest extent permitted by law.

13. **Counterparts and Copies.**

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Docusign, facsimile signatures and signature pages sent by email shall be binding as though they are originals.

14. **Effective Date.**

This Agreement will become effective when a fully executed copy of this Agreement is delivered to counsel for Plaintiff and counsel for Defendants (the "Effective Date").

15. Notices.

Any notice or other communication required or permitted to be delivered to a Party under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered personally or sent by regular mail, facsimile, electronic mail or courier, upon receipt. All such notices, demands and other communications required or permitted to be delivered under this Agreement shall be addressed as follows:

If to Plaintiff:

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2121 Ponce De Leon Boulevard  
Suite 650  
Coral Gables, Florida 33134

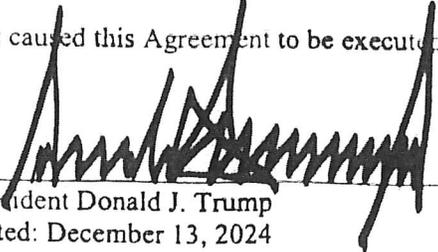
If to the Defendants:

Sr. EVP & Chief Legal & Compliance Officer  
The Walt Disney Company  
500 South Buena Vista Street  
Burbank, CA 91521

and:

Chief Counsel  
ABC News  
7 Hudson Square  
New York, NY 10013

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, and intending to be legally bound, each of the Parties hereto has caused this Agreement to be executed as of the date(s) set forth below



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President Donald J. Trump  
Dated: December 13, 2024

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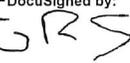
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George Stephanopoulos  
Dated: December 13, 2024