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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

RACHEL JABLONSKI, Plaintiff, v. ALISHIA RIVERS, and A, B, & C, those individuals or business entities whose actions, alone or in combination with the actions of the other Defendants, proximately caused Plaintiffs' damages and injuries. The identity of said fictitious party Defendants being presently unknown, will be added by Amendment when ascertained. Defendants.	)	CASE NO. CV-2026-_____

COMPLAINT

This action seeks damages sustained by Plaintiff due to defamatory statements made about Plaintiffs by Defendants occurring in Baldwin County, Alabama.

I. PARTIES

1. The Plaintiff, RACHEL JABLONSKI, is over the age of nineteen (19) years and is a resident-citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama.

2. The Defendant, ALISHIA RIVERS, is over the age of nineteen (19) years and is believed to be currently residing in Baldwin County, Alabama.

3. Defendants A, B, & C, are those individuals or business entities whose actions, alone or in combination with the actions of the other Defendants, proximately caused Plaintiffs' damages and injuries by publishing and disseminating defamatory statements

concerning the Plaintiffs. The identity of said fictitious party Defendants, being presently unknown, will be added by Amendment when ascertained.

II. STATEMENT OF FACTS

4. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference and adopts the preceding paragraph of this Complaint.

5. Plaintiff (hereinafter referred to as "Rachel") is employed by the Baldwin County Board of Education as a Math Teacher at Daphne High School and was previously employed as the varsity cheerleading coach at Daphne High School.

6. Rachel held tryouts for the 2026-2027 varsity cheerleading team on or about March 12, 2026. Each child was evaluated by outside judges obtained through the Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA), the input of neither Rachel nor any other coaches was included in the scoring.

7. The results of the 2026-2027 cheerleading tryout was posted to the Daphne High School Cheerleading Instagram and Facebook Page. Three (3) upcoming seniors, J.J., F.M. and E.G., who were previously on the team, did not make the 2026-2027 team. This caused an uproar on social media posted by these students' parents.

8. On or about March 17, 2026, Whitney Scapecchi (hereinafter referred to as "Scapecchi") published a video to social media, approximately twenty-five minutes in length, discussing Rachel and the cheerleading team, painting Rachel in a negative light. Following the publication of Scapecchi's video, the allegations gained public attention.

9. The Lagniappe (a local newspaper and media outlet) article was subsequently published discussing the controversy, and Defendant Aleshia Rivers (hereinafter referred to as "Rivers") shared the article on social media on or about March 18 or 19, 2026, further

circulating the allegations to third parties. The post made by Rivers contained a comment to the effect of, "Look at karma." Rivers further accused Rachel of bullying her daughter who once cheered at Daphne High School.

10. Following her initial publication, Rivers made approximately fifty additional social media posts concerning Rachel. Among other things, Rivers accused Rachel of bullying her daughter and other students, engaging in inappropriate conduct with students, behaving improperly in school hallways, and maintaining an unruly classroom.

11. Rivers also published allegations that Rachel had engaged in sexual relationships with school administrators. Although Rivers did not identify the administrators by name, Rachel understood the references to concern two current employees of Daphne High School, one who served as a former administrator at Spanish Fort High School where Rachel was previously employed.

12. Additionally, Rivers accused Rachel of improperly handling or misappropriating funds during her prior employment at Spanish Fort. These allegations, including the accusations of sexual misconduct and financial impropriety, were false and damaging to Rachel's personal and professional reputation.

13. Rivers continued to publish and circulate content concerning Rachel and the allegations of sexual misconduct and financial impropriety. Rivers also reposted or criticized comments made by individuals who defended Rachel, discouraging students, parents, and other members of the community from continuing to publicly express support for Rachel.

14. Following these posts, Daphne High School effectively removed Rachel from her position as varsity cheerleading coach, informing her that it was "going in a new direction." Rachel believes this decision was related to the negative publicity generated by Rivers.

15. Rachel's removal from her coaching position, coupled with the public dissemination of the allegations, adversely affected her professional standing and reputation within the Daphne community and surrounding school systems. The accusations concerning sexual misconduct, inappropriate relationships with school administrators, and alleged financial wrongdoing further subjected Rachel to public scrutiny, embarrassment, and humiliation.

16. Rivers' statements concerning Rachels alleged sexual misconduct, inappropriate relationships, and financial impropriety were false and were published to third parties through social media and other public channels. River's repeated publications continued to expose Rachel to these accusations over an extended period of time, notwithstanding the substantial harm they caused to Rachel's personal and professional reputation.

17. As a direct and proximate result of Rivers defamatory statements and the resulting public scrutiny, Rachel suffered significant mental anguish, emotional distress, embarrassment, and humiliation. The continued publication and circulation of the false allegations caused Rachel substantial emotional distress and adversely affected her ability to perform her professional responsibilities.

18. As a result of the emotional toll caused by River's conduct, Rachel was forced to take numerous mental health days throughout the remainder of the school year. Rachel's emotional distress became so significant that at times, she was unable to work her full-time workweek.

III. CAUSES OF ACTION

A. LIBEL

19. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference and adopt the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

20. Rivers published false and defamatory written statements about Rachel which were posted and re-posted on a public social media forum. Rivers' statements were made with actual malice, or at a minimum, with reckless disregard for the truth or falsity of the statements. Rivers made these statements knowing them to be false and intending to damage Rachel's reputation due to her personal vendetta against Rachel. River's conduct was willful and malicious.

21. Directly attributable to the defamatory and false statements, Rachel was released from her employment as the Daphne High School varsity cheerleading coach.

22. Rachel has also been damaged in the form of mental distress and anguish due to these actions as are therefore entitled to an award of compensatory and punitive damages to punish Rivers and deter similar conduct in the future.

23. As a direct and proximate result of Rivers and the conduct of any other fictious Defendants' conduct, Rachel has suffered and continues to suffer damages, including reputational harm, mental anguish, emotional distress, humiliation, and other compensatory and punitive damages.

B. SLANDER

24. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference and adopts the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

25. Rivers made false and defamatory oral statements concerning Rachel to third parties, including statements accusing Plaintiff of sexual misconduct involving students,

engaging in inappropriate sexual relationships with school administrators, bullying students, and stealing or misappropriating funds during her prior employment at Spanish Fort.

26. Rivers communicated these statements to the world via social media, as well as other parents, school personnel, members of the school community, and other individuals, knowing that the statements concerned Rachel and would be understood as accusations of professional misconduct, moral wrongdoing, and criminal activity.

27. The statements made by Rivers were false and were not based upon a reasonable investigation or adequate factual foundation. Rivers knew or should have known that the statements were false or acted negligently in making and communicating them.

28. The statements accusing Rachel of criminal conduct, including stealing or misappropriating funds, constitute slander per se to the extent they impute an indictable offense involving infamy or moral turpitude. The statements concerning Rachel's alleged sexual misconduct and sexual relationships also constitute slander per se to the extent they falsely impute unchastity or other actionable misconduct.

29. Alternatively, to the extent the statements are determined to be slander per quod, Rachel suffered special damages as a result of Rivers' statements, including losing her position as Daphne High School Varsity Cheerleading Coach and significant mental anguish that affected her ability to work.

30. As a direct and proximate result of Rivers and the conduct of any other fictious Defendants' conduct, Rachel has suffered and continues to suffer damages, including reputational harm, mental anguish, emotional distress, humiliation, and other compensatory and punitive damages.

WHEREFORE, PREMISE CONSIDERED, the Plaintiff seeks compensatory and punitive damages against Rivers in an amount over the jurisdictional limit of this Honorable Court, plus interest and costs.

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for said State at Large, personally appeared RACHEL JABLONSKI who, being known to me and being first duly sworn by me, says she is a Plaintiff in the foregoing Complaint, and the information contained therein is true and correct to the best of her knowledge, information and belief.

Rachel Jablonski

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on this the 11th day of November, 2026.

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: _____

