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## Celebrity breach of contract cases

Hollywood lost a little of its luster in 2016, with a stellar pass from Alan Rickman to Alan Thicke. But it didn't lose any of its litigiousness, with many A-listers involved in high-stakes lawsuits. Here's a look at the biggest celebrity lawsuits last year: The 1st Erin Andrews Hotel Peeping Tom Suit Goes to Trial The People's Sportscenter sucked in by a man who stalked her and filmed her naked in her hotel room, along with the hotel itself, who gave her room information to her stalker. Andrews won the \$55 million suit. 2. Katt Williams Sued for torturing a woman with witches and punches, most likely the most bizarre court filings of 2016, the rapper, actor, and comedian allegedly responded to a female guest's request to use her bathroom by organizing a beatdown on her that included Wican's magic in the last three hours. 3. Elton John Security Guard Sues, claims years of sexual assault by a longtime bodyguard for a pop pianist claims Sir Elton sexually harassed and abused him for years, occasionally grabbing his crotch and telling him: 'You have so many gay genes for you. They just haven't met yet. John's attorneys called the suit ungrateful for a disgruntled former security official who wants to obtain an undeserved payment. 4. Director Sues Beyonce for Lemonade Copyright Violations Matthew Fulks says Queen Bey's Lemonade trailer is noticeably similar to the mood, setting the pace, and fonts of his 2014 short film Palinoia. He also claims members of the Lemonade production had seen his film, which was released a few months before. 5. The Agency Sues the Kardashians-Jenner Sisters for breaching the Kardashians for breach of contract. Too busy, perhaps, to share profits from product approval deals with their former agents. The Agency for the Performing Arts is suing for an indefinite ton of cash on unpaid interest on transactions negotiated by APA reps. 449 (1974) 324 A.2d 71 SAMUEL SPORN, plaintiff, v. CELEBRITY, INC., A BODY CORPORATE, DEFENDANT. Supreme Court of New Jersey. Legal Division. Decided May 3, 1974. \* 451 Mr. Barry D. Epstein for the plaintiff (Messrs. Boardman & Epstein, lawyers). Mr. Barry I. Croland defendant (Messrs. Shavick, Stern, Schotz, Steiger & Croland, lawyers). PETRELLA, J.C.C., has been temporarily allocated. The plaintiff was sucked in for the illegal release of his New York employment, violating an alleged one-year employment contract and claimed damages of \$9,750 for a five-month salary and \$700 as unreimbursed expenses. The jury found in favour of the plaintiff on all matters, including a contract term of not more than one year. The defendant moved under R. 4:49 and R. 4:50 on the basis of a number of reasons for a new trial and some other relief, including damages, which is a matter of law, i.e. (1) reduction of jury benefit The amount of unemployment in New York benefits received by the claimant and (2) the deduction of federal withholding and social security taxes. [1] No question of jurisdiction was raised and the applicability of New York law was not raised before or during the trial. The defendant argued after the trial that New York law concerns the issue of damages or mitigation in the New York unemployment agreement. (Questions raised about the proposal for a new hearing have been examined by the court and denied an oral decision. \* 452 Except for the questions here, the discussion on these issues has been omitted.) One legal issue seems to be a novel in New Jersey and justifies the reward. This means that a party to a contract of employment who fails to fulfil or fails to fulfil his obligation may, in addition to the usual reduction in damages, require that the legislation reduces or reduces the amount received by the claimant from unemployment compensation. The application of the provision of the provision to funds received from unemployment compensation incorrectly from a contracted employee does not appear in any new jersey-notified opinion and is scantily commented elsewhere. Although Evid. R. 9(2) (a) allow a court notice of New York law, the court has not provided adequate or timely grounds for the adoption of a notice of New York law and has applied the law to the court. According to Evid. The court of R. 9(3) may apply new Jersey's general law and public policy. See Donnelly v. United Fruit Co., 75 NJ Super. 383, 397 (App. 320, 326 (Law No 1973). Donnelly believed that New Jersey law governed if an employee was sucked into an illegal discharge, and challenged the refusal of his employer to arbitration his claim, and on how to induce him to resign using an unfulfilled promise, and New York law did not plead or notice what was given or a pre-court conference. Parenthetically, New York apparently does not specifically address the question of whether unemployment compensation benefits received by employees can be offset by an employee's claim for damages. [2] So this court can look at New Jersey law. The General New York Mitigation \* 453 rule is set for Silinsky v. State-Wide Ins Co. But even if it is concluded in New York, it is possible that the general minority rule on mitigation security payments is not required if the state enterprise of the State of New Jersey public order were violated. New Jersey follows a majority rule in the United States today that receives benefits from the source of collateral for the defendant, while reducing the impact of the financial loss of the plaintiff, will not reduce the loss otherwise from the wrong things. Thus, for example, the calculation of losses does not take into account free medical care, further salary or salary payments, income from insurance policies or welfare and pension benefits. Benefits from such sources of security caused by the injury are not eligible to mitigate against the gross amount of losses recovered. Long v. Landy, 35 NJ 44, 55-56 (1961) (insurance benefits); Cornish v. North Jersey St. Ry. Co., 73 N.J.L. 273 (Sup. Ct. 1906) (insurance benefits); Skillen v. Eagle Motor Co., 107 N.J.L. 211 (Sup. Ct. 1930) (régied payments to relatives); Dry, Jeffries, 110 N.J.L. 307 (E. & A. 1932) (pension benefits). See also Kurta v. Probelske, 324 Mich. 179, 36 N.W.2d 889, 893 (Sup. Ct. 1949) (unemployment compensation); Annotation Receipt of public relief or prize money affecting the recovery of an injured activity, 19 A.L.R.2d 557 (1951); Synnotation, Collateral Source Rule, 75 A.L.R.2d 885 (1961); and cf note, Mitigation effect on damages social welfare programs, 63 Harv. L. Red 330 (1949). There are two views as to whether the compensation of the unemployed should reduce the award of the contract. The defendant refers to the Wisconsin case of Dehnart v. Waukesha Brewing Co., 21 Wis.2d 583, 124 NW2d 664, 669-671 (Sup Ct. 1963) (contract claim), arguing that such \* 454 mitigation. See also United Protective Workers v. Ford Motor Co., 223 F.2d 49 (7 Cir.1955). The reasons given in general for claiming such damages can be summarised as follows: 1. This theory of damages is to provide compensation and to make the claimant whole, that is to say, put him in the same position as he would have been if there had been an infringement (usually under a contract damages measure) or to restore him as soon as possible to where he was before the damages (damages measure). 2. The fact that the withdrawal would allow the reduction would enable the applicant to make a profit higher than that to which he would have been entitled in the absence of an infringement. 3) that the damage would exceed the loss compensation measure, unless it is permissible. 4. If the compensation consists of unemployment compensation, insurance purchased only by the defendant-employer (as in New York) or if the employer's share (as in New Jersey, in which both the employer and the employee participates) can be calculated or determined, there would be no reason to refuse the reduction in the amount paid by the employer, since it is the benefit purchased by the employer is beneficial to the employer. (5) unemployment benefit is paid not from a source of security but from a fund supported by an employer who has actually acquired insurance for its employees who may be exempt or otherwise unemployed, and that that reduction is not linked to the statutes for unemployment compensation which: worker during the period of temporary unemployment. 6. That compensation would reward the claimant for losing his job. Obviously, this does not apply where the loss of employment was not due to the applicant's guilt. The opposite view is expressed in Lambert v. Equinox House, 126 Vt. 229, 227 A.2d 403 (Sup. Ct. 1967) (unemployment compensation under employment contract). \*455 The reasons generally put out against the reduction of such damage in the employment contract case can be summarised as follows: 1. In addition to the provision of compensation, there is a punitive aspect in which the defendant is unreasonable, although not necessarily intentionally, infringed the contract and that the defendant is required to pay and not the general public. This is an aspect of the source of the collateral rule, which recognizes as one of the consequences of the penalty aspect, but does not always be considered as punitive damages. 2. This would lead to an unexpected profit for the defendant in order to allow marshals and to allow the applicant to make a profit and not to facilitate the defendant's obligation by reducing his liability. 3. This defendant may not benefit from a benefit administered by the State as a socially desirable programme. 4. The fact that, even if compensation of workers is compensation, the tortfeasors cannot receive a reduction in the benefits paid under the national compensation plan, even though by law[3] the employer's employees' compensation insurance carrier may receive subrogation in any third party activity. It would be inconsistent to relieve an employer who violates the contract of responsibility for his actions. (However, it could be argued that, after an employee who has been discharged has received the benefits to which he is entitled, the employer's liability for unlawful discharge should be judged at the request of the employer or compensation fund, and the judgment applicable to the repayment of the fund by any overpayment of funds paid to the employee. This would be a policy issue for the legislator.) 6. Allowing such mitigation would be contrary to the objective of the unemployment compensation legislation in New Jersey, and since new Jersey does not provide for subrogation, it would be less costly for employers to breach the \*456 contract for persons covered by this programme than would be the case for those who are not covered by unemployment compensation. 7. Payments from the unemployment compensation fund should not be considered as salaries received from employment. It is noted that the statement of reasons in the case relating to an infringement of an employment contract, which may also contain elements of fault, must be the same as that of an act of unauthorised activity. The philosophy that requires loss reduction is the same. McGraw v. McGraw v. Johnson, 42. 267, 274 (Ap. 1956). Mitigation is always an issue to be taken into account when there is a role to play in the loss of a contract. Roselle v LaFera Contracting Co., 18 N.J. 19, 28 (1950). In Miele v. McGuire, 31 NJ 339, 350 (1960), which applies to state employees, decided that contract damages could be mitigated by actual profits or what could have been earned elsewhere. In the case of Miele, the source of the collateral is not considered to be able to reduce the judgment, such as unemployment compensation or federal income tax deductions. In Roselle v. LaFera Contracting Co., supra (18 NJ. Super. At. (28) it was established that the standard for the assessment of loss and loss mitigation in the contract of employment dispute was that the difference between the salary of the employee misundersered for that period, minus all the wages earned by the employee from another employment, or that he could have earned if he had made due effort to provide an alternative position. In applying that standard, the court did not provide for further deductions for the payment of security to the claimant. Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Wkrs. - Busik v. Levine, 63 NJ 351 (1973), app. 94 U.S. 831, 38 L. Ed. 2d 733 (1973), challenged the validity of R. 4:42-11 (6) for a number of reasons, including the denial of equal protection by granting \* 457 pre-litigation interest in illegal activity, the court recognised the difference between civil rights claims and other claims: to begin with, civil law offences are different classes of proceedings, which have a special impact on the administration of the judicial system in terms of volume ... In addition, this type of problem can be solved in stages or on the basis of intensity. Consequently, there is no convincing complaint that a provision which has been notified in a judicial or judicial provision is not as large as it might be. Finally, the adoption of a provision would not allow holders of other insoluble claims to be subject to the circumstances of their event, so similar to the circumstances involved in the present case that they should also be allowed to have an interest. (Quotes omitted). (63 N.J. at 12:00 p.m. 374. The opinion also referred to the liquidated claims and found that the first provision, which distinguishes between liquidated and unclear claims, was outdated in terms of interest on judgments. Busik v. Levine, supra 358-359. Cases from other jurisdictions rejecting the reduction of such contracts do so on the grounds that the benefits received were intended to reduce unemployment, without reducing the amount which the employer who fails to fulfil his obligations must pay as a loss, making everything a person who is wrongly relieved. Lambert v. Equinox House, Inc., supra; v. 100, 94 Cal. App. Bang v. International Sisal Co., 212 Minn. 135, 141, 4 N.W.2d 113, 116 (Sup. Ct. 1942). N.J.S.A. 43:21-2 declares policy: As a guide to the interpretation and application of this chapter, the public order of this country is declared as follows: economic insecurity due to unemployment is a serious threat to the health, morality and well-being of the population of this country. Therefore, forced unemployment is of general interest and concern, which requires appropriate action by the legislator to prevent its spread and burden, which now so often becomes a coercive force for the unemployed and his family. Social security achievement \*458 requires protection against this greatest threat to our economic life. This can be ensured by encouraging employers to ensure more stable employment and systematically accumulating funds during periods of employment in order to provide benefits for periods of unemployment, thereby maintaining purchasing power and limiting the serious social consequences of poor assistance. Consequently, the legislature states that, in its judgment, the public good and the general well-being of its nationals require the adoption of that measure, in accordance with the powers of the national police, in order to abolish the compulsory abolition of unemployment reserves for use by the unemployed after periods of skilled employment. As stated in Sweeney v. Bd of rev. 1. Contrary to the view taken, the defendant refers to the second line of power that damages must be regarded only as compensatory and that the provision of the source of the security is not applicable in contractual disputes. See Dehnart v. Waukesha Brewing Co. supra, and United Protective Workers of America v. Ford Motor Co., supra. On the other hand, the case involves an unlawful breach of contract, a policy antithesis aimed at promoting the New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Act, which penalises employers with high unemployment or high turnover with a higher investment fund. Dehnart and United Protective Workers are not absolute and are indistinguishable. Dehnart v. Waukesha Brewing Co., supra (124 N.W.2d at 670) is based on United Protective Workers v. Ford Motor Co., supra (223 F.2d at 53), which highlights the difference between the loss of philosophy that is repressive and contracted as compensation. The jury found no good faith in the case because of the breach of the contract of employment, but rather an unlawful infringement justifying the award of full damages. In addition, the Joint Defence Officers refer to the N.L.R.R. . B. \*459 compensation payments in any case where they are best linked to the objectives of the operation. The New Jersey Act's public policy is intended to help achieve social security by freeing up economic insecurity due to forced labour without being employed. Bogue Elec. Bd. Of Review, 21 NJ 431, 435 (1956). The Law on unemployment compensation is intended to serve the general public interest and not just the interests of the unemployed, and must be interpreted liberally in order to promote its remedial and beneficial objectives. Campbell's soup. Co. v. Co. v. Bd. Review, 13 NJ 431, 436 (1953). The spirit and purpose of the law is to allow benefits to facilitate unplanned interruptions, including the applicant's circumstances in the present case, misfortune. If unemployment benefits are to be deducted from any judgment given, this would become a deterrent for claimants to sue for damages and to incentivise the employer to knowingly breach the contract and benefit from the provision of the source of payments. The court therefore concludes that the reasons for denying mitigation are more convincing and that the employer should not receive the benefit granted to him when he is evil, even though he paid in part for unemployment benefits (or possibly fully paid benefits in New York). Under no circumstances may he receive this part of the payments attributable to the employee's contributions. Compare discussion long v. Landy, supra (35 NJ at 56), for invalidity insurance for civil law activities. A reduction in recovery of the amount of benefits received by the claimant would amount to an unexpected sum to the defendant, allowing him an undeserved credit for his infringement from a source which was never intended. Balancing these controversial principles in the New Jersey courts tends to allow what might appear as a form of double recovery by the plaintiff in such circumstances, rather than allowing the reduction in damages to be paid by the defendant to the inseminator. As stated in Theobald v. Angelos, 44 NJ 228 (1965): \*460\*\*Law doesn't frown on greater satisfaction if there is no threat to the public interest or unfair advantage used by others. Thus, the injured party can fully recover from the injury, despite the fact that much of his losses were covered by a contract, such as an accident or life insurance policy. \* \* \* In any case, the tortfeasor must be fully exempted from its obligation; the problem of excessive satisfaction in such circumstances applies only to the parties to the contract and possibly to the country itself. [at 239; quotes omitted] If there is concern about preventing an unexpected employee's mingly, it seems that a remedy is a legislative way of ensuring a system of subrogation or the relevant remuneration Agency. See note, 63 Harv. L. Rev. The defendant's proposal to reduce the award of those salaries due from the amounts received from unemployment compensation payments is denied. NOTES [1] The Court is not required to decide (2) whether the jury's salary was compensation or salary subject to federal withholding and FICA amounts, since the parties agreed by the plaintiff would assume responsibility for the payment of statutory taxes. [2] New York unemployment benefits are paid in full by the employer's contributions, while in New Jersey the employee also pays contributions. Compare N.Y. Labor Law §§ 570, subd. 1 and 570, subd. 6 (McKinney's Consol. Laws, c. 31, 1965) and N.J.S.A. 43:21-7(e). The employer's experience usually affects the employer's contribution rate in accordance with the law. [3] N.J.S.A. 34:15-40.

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