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GRADUATE STUDENT SUES NORTHWESTERN PROFESSOR AND HARPERCOLLINS FOR DEFAMATION AND INVASION OF PRIVACY

A graduate student in Northwestern University's Philosophy Department filed suit in federal court today in the Northern District of Illinois alleging that Northwestern Professor Laura Kipnis defamed her and invaded her privacy by publishing a false portrayal of her and making misrepresentations about her in her new book, *Unwanted Advances: Sexual Paranoia Comes to Campus*. The suit also alleges that Kipnis invaded her privacy by disclosing private text messages and other personal details about her private life gleaned from a confidential Title IX process.

"While authors certainly have a First Amendment right to write a book and express their opinions, they aren't at liberty to misrepresent the facts and publish intimate details of a private person's life to advance their own agenda," said Jennifer Salvatore, who along with Julie Porter at Salvatore Prescott & Porter, PLLC represents the graduate student. "This book does serious harm to our client's career and reputation. The treatment of our client in this book is outrageous especially coming from a professor at her own University." A copy of the complaint is attached.

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