

CBS Lawyer's Strategy Backfired in Leadup to \$9.5M Settlement of Actress's Sexual Harassment Claim

The *ABA Journal* **reports** that CBS paid \$9.5 million to settle a sexual harassment claim by *Bull* actress Eliza Dushku after a network lawyer released outtakes from the show in the mistaken belief that film of her cursing on the set would help the company.

The outtakes were a “gold mine” for Dushku because they captured some of the harassment, according to a draft investigation report.

Covington & Burling and Debevoise & Plimpton, law firms hired to investigate sexual misconduct allegations against the network's then-CEO, Leslie Moonves, drafted the report. Mark Engstrom, the chief compliance officer at CBS, was identified as the lawyer who released the outtakes.

Read the *ABA Journal* article.