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## ACLU, PROFESSOR ALEX REINERT AND PAUL, WEISS FILE FEDERAL LAWSUIT, SEEKING DAMAGES FOR TRAUMATIZED CHILDREN AND PARENTS TORN APART BY ILLEGAL FAMILY SEPARATIONS



October 3, 2019

The American Civil Liberties Union, along with co-counsel Professor Alex Reinert and Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, filed a lawsuit in Arizona federal court on October 3 seeking damages on behalf of thousands of traumatized children and parents who were forcibly torn from each other under the Trump administration's illegal practice of separating families at the border. The case, *A.I.I.L. v. Sessions*, alleges violations of the Fourth and Fifth amendments against the defendants. In addition to damages, the lawsuit seeks the creation of a fund to pay for professional mental health services for affected families.

Leading child welfare organizations and medical professionals including the American Academy of Pediatrics have denounced the forced separation and cited long-lasting effects on children's emotional growth and cognitive development. "The suffering and trauma inflicted on these little children and parents is horrific," said

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Lee Gelernt, the ACLU's lead lawyer in the case.

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Professor Chris Buccafusco was quoted in Yahoo Finance, in an article focusing on Nike's patent infringement lawsuit against Skechers.

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Professor Chris Buccafusco (<https://cardozo.yu.edu/directory/christopher-j-buccafusco>) spoke to *Rolling Stone* and *The Wall Street Journal* about the Katy Perry copyright case.

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Professor Sam Weinstein was quoted in *The New York Times* regarding the T-Mobile/Sprint merger. "There is a lot of criticism of the agencies that they are not doing enough about big tech and this is a way to respond to that criticism," he said.