

Nisha Verma Offers Insight on Lively/Baldoni Settlement and Reputational Impact

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Employment Partner [Nisha Verma](#) offered her legal perspective on the high-profile settlement between Blake Lively and Justin Baldoni, drawing on her experience in workplace investigations and employment disputes. After nearly two years of legal battle, both parties settled and declared their own victories. However, the matter is not completely resolved as Lively continues to seek compensation for legal fees and financial penalties. Nisha's commentary addresses both the legal significance of the settlement and the reputational consequences of playing out a workplace dispute in the public eye.

With litigation still ongoing, Nisha explained, "They both have a right to claim victory." Adding that, "Each party won on significant and novel issues within their respective cases."

Reflecting on the PR consequences of such a public workplace dispute, Nisha said:

"The lawsuit being public set them both up to appear like they were going for the jugular. ... Their feud is going to come up less in the media, and it's possible the public could move on and be able to focus on their work. Millennials grew up with Lively, and even if there was a distaste for some of the litigation activity, it's unlikely for them to abandon her altogether. ... But with Baldoni, I don't think the connection's that strong. More people know him because of this lawsuit than ever before. So for him to turn a fresh page past this – I think this probably damaged his reputation more than hers."

Read the [full article in USA Today](#).

Nisha has been previously featured on the *Bloomberg Law Podcast*, *Law360*, and *HuffPost*, contributing her legal insight on the Lively/Baldoni case.

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