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PRACTICE: Litigation

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— Patricia Glaser

Glaser is consistently a go-to lawyer for high-profile disputes involving the entertainment industry.

She currently represents Sweetpea Entertainment Inc. in its dispute with Hasbro Inc. over the film rights to Dungeons & Dragons.

The case involves sequel rights with re-

spect to Dungeons & Dragons, a game that was a movie a few years ago.

“We think this will be an important decision from a contractual interpretation standpoint as well as an industry standpoint,” she said.

At the heart of the dispute is a contract granting Sweetpea film rights to Dungeons & Dragons, and whether Sweetpea maintains the right to make sequels based on the three Dungeon & Dragons projects it released.

“We take the position that its more of a contractual interpretation and the custom and practice of the industry of what is a sequel, and less [about] IP rights,” Glaser said.

The trial took place in September before

federal Judge Dolly Gee. A decision is pending.

Both Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. and Universal Pictures Inc. are watching the outcome closely. If Sweetpea wins, it has a deal with Warner Bros. to make a film based on Dungeons & Dragons. Universal has an agreement with Hasbro to make a Dungeons & Dragons film. *Hasbro Inc. v. Sweetpea Entertainment Inc.*, CV13-3406 (C.D. Cal., filed May 13, 2013).

Glaser recently was hired for another case that is sure to make headlines. She is representing entertainment industry executive David Neuman in a malicious prosecution lawsuit against Michael Egan and attorney Jeffrey Herman.

“A lawsuit was filed about a year ago against a client of mine and some others alleging some pretty horrible things; gay men engaging in sexual acts with minors. It’s not based on facts at all in connection with our client.”

Egan was the plaintiff in that case and he was represented by Herman. In March, Glaser filed a malicious prosecution action against Egan and Herman, among other defendants, in federal district court in Hawaii.

“They have really hurt my guy and I take malicious prosecution seriously. I never sued [for malicious prosecution] before in my life and I’m doing it now.”

—Hetert-Qebu Walters