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Motion to Dismiss Granted in Lawsuit Filed Against The X Factor Australia Producer and Fourth Season Winner Samantha Jade

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A federal judge dismissed a lawsuit brought by a Los Angeles-based music company against the producer of The X Factor Australia and performer Samantha Jade over Jade's fourth season win on the popular television talent show. On behalf of FremantleMedia Australia (FMA), Glaser Weil successfully argued that the U.S. District Court in Los Angeles, where the suit was filed, was not the proper forum for the dispute.

In a 24-page ruling, Judge Beverly Reid O'Connell dismissed the suit against FMA finding that the federal court had no jurisdiction over FMA and that the proper forum was in the Australian courts.

Camp West Recorders filed the suit in June, claiming FMA and the other defendants interfered with recording and management contracts it had with Jade based upon her involvement in The X Factor Australia.

Glaser Weil partner Sean Riley represents FMA, with assistance from associates Gali Grant and Christopher Dacus.

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