

Hispanic Screenwriter Who Contended That Paying Hispanics ½ of That Paid Non-Hispanics is Discrimination Has Filed a Petition for Rehearing *En Banc* Before 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

9th Circuit Court of Appeals Panel in Unpublished Decision Had Upheld Dismissal of Hispanic Screenwriter's Lawsuit Against CBS and the Writers Guild for Latino ½ Pay Program.

JULY 9, 2004, SAN FRANCISCO — Migdia China-Varela, the Hispanic Screenwriter who contended that paying Hispanic Screenwriters ½ of that paid to non-Hispanic Screenwriters amounts to discrimination, today filed, in the San Francisco based 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, a Petition for Rehearing *En Banc*, for rehearing before eleven Judges.

This Petition was filed after a three Judge panel of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, in an unpublished decision, dated June 25, 2004, upheld the dismissal of the Hispanic Screenwriter's lawsuit against CBS and the Writers Guild, holding that the Latino ½ Pay Program did not amount to discrimination.

The most recent Complaint, on the case which had been to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals once previously, had alleged discrimination and harassment against Hispanic Screenwriters by CBS and the Writers Guild of America, west, and also alleged retaliation by CBS and the Writers Guild and their officers Jeff Sagansky, Charles D. Segars, Frank Pierson and Brian Walton.

The Plaintiff has vowed to take this significant and important case to the United States Supreme Court, if necessary, so that she can have her day in Court, and to have a jury rule that paying Hispanic Screenwriters ½ of that paid to non-Hispanics is discrimination.

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