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Courtney Love's Legal Nemesis Seeks to Force Frances Bean Cobain Testimony

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After making unflattering comments about her mother in the press, will the teenager have to provide "character evidence" in the ongoing Twitter defamation lawsuit?



The lawsuit alleging that Courtney Love defamed one of her former lawyers on Twitter

Frances Bean Cobain, left, and Courtney Love

has taken another strange twist. Late last month, Rhonda Holmes' law firm served a

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Bean Cobain, hoping to follow up on comments that Cobain has made in the press about her mother's behavior. The law firm also sought sealed documents in Cobain's old guardianship proceedings. PHOTOS: A History of Grunge in Pictures The subpoena triggered angry letters back and forth

deposition subpoena on Love's daughter, Frances

between Cobain's legal counsel and Frederic

Gordon, Holmes' law partner. Cobain, 19, insists she knows nothing relevant to Holmes' defamation lawsuit against Love. Cobain says

that in 2010, when Love tweeted about Gordon, she

was in the custody of her grandmother and aunt and had no contact with her mother or any knowledge about the tweets in question. She now is seeking a protective order against the deposition and looking to sanction Gordon & Holmes. The case has been provocative from the start. Love is on the verge of becoming the first celebrity to

stand trial in the U.S. for statements made on Twitter.

This actually is the second time she's been sued over

an alleged defamatory tweet. The first lawsuit,

a casual setting like Twitter and what damages would look like when millions of people are exposed to a possibly libelous comment. On the eve of trial, the case settled. PHOTOS: MTV VMAs Greatest Feuds

But Love couldn't stay away from Twitter and is now facing allegations that she defamed her

former attorney by tweeting, "I was f-ing devastated (sic) when Rhonda J Holmes Esq of

brought by a fashion designer, promised to explore the boundaries of fact versus opinion in

The lawsuits haven't stopped Love's social media habits.

the media regarding the defendant."

San Diego was bought off."

In April, in response to yet more curious tweets sent out by Love, Cobain released a statement that said in part, "Twitter should ban my mother." Gordon & Holmes now wants Cobain to submit to a videotaped deposition to be used in the

ongoing tweet-defamation case over a "variety of statements [made by Cobain] reported in

That has drawn a response from Cobain's attorney, Bryan Freedman, who ironically is the same lawyer who pursued Love in the first tweet-defamation case. In the motion for a protective order, Freedman writes that what Gordon & Holmes is seeking is "inadmissible

and nondiscoverable character evidence regarding Love" and that Gordon admitted as much during the meet-and-confer process. STORY: Frances Bean Cobain Slams Mom Courtney Love Over Dave Grohl Comments

Freedman says he was told by the other attorney, "I am somewhat surprised that you believe that the defendant's habitual defamatory remarks regarding multiple individuals would somehow not be relevant to the four corners of this litigation." On behalf of Cobain, Freedman also is seeking to protect against the production of

documents in what the plaintiffs have called "emancipation" proceedings. (Love reportedly lost control of her daughter in court in a 2009 custody battle and also lost publicity rights connected to her late husband, Kurt Cobain, to her daughter.) A judge soon will decide whether to issue a protective order and accept the teenager's word

that contact between mother and daughter had gone cold in 2010. Recently, that same judge allowed the attorney representing Love to withdraw from the

case after he reported a "complete breakdown" in client communications. Should he have

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