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UTA Sues Another Ex-Client for Commissions

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Scrubs star Donald Faison has been sued by his former agents for commissions from the long-running comedy.

In a lawsuit filed Thursday in Los Angeles Superior Court, United Talent Agency claims the actor stopped paying a 10 percent commission after episode 3 of the show's ninth and final season. He also allegedly failed to share the \$60,000 fee from an ABC pilot called The Law."

Read the full complaint.

UTA is asking for more than \$73,000 in damages. "Faison has not only turned his back on the people that helped slingshot his career, but on his contractual obligations to those

people," the complaint alleges.

Faison, now repped by APA, declined to comment on the suit.

This isn't the first time UTA has gone after a former client in court. In the past few years, the agency has sued former producer client World of Wonder over commissions from Tori and Dean, as well as writer Adam Herz over American Pie 4. And last summer a federal judge upheld UTA's right to \$325,000 from Men in Black director Barry Sonnenfeld (who left the agency 17 years prior) -- because his UTA-negotiated deal to direct the first Men in Black gave him first shot at any sequels.

The Faison suit, filed by attorneys Bryan Fredman and Jonathan Genish at Freedman & Taitelman, alleges causes of action for breach of contract, accounting, quantum meruit and other claims.

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