

Diller Law Announces Landmark Resolution in eBay Cyberstalking Litigation

Historic civil rights settlement includes \$55.7 million in compensation and charitable commitments – including personal financial contributions from former eBay executives, a public statement by eBay, and no confidentiality restrictions.

BOSTON, Mass. — July 28, 2026 — Diller Law LLP today announced a landmark civil rights settlement resolving the civil litigation brought by David and Ina Steiner, reporters and founders of the news site *EcommerceBytes*, against eBay, Inc., several former eBay executives, and other employees arising from the company's widely publicized 2019 cyberstalking and harassment campaign designed to stop their reporting.

The settlement follows over six years of criminal and civil proceedings. In addition to substantial compensation for the plaintiffs, the resolution includes significant charitable commitments, personal financial contributions from former eBay executives, a public statement by eBay, and no confidentiality restrictions.

Under the settlement:

- The plaintiffs will receive \$48.7 million in compensation, including \$46.15 million from eBay, \$2 million from former eBay executive CEO Devin Wenig, \$500,000 from former eBay executive Wendy Jones, and \$50,000 from former eBay executive Steve Wymer.
- eBay will fund \$6 million in charitable contributions to various nonprofit organizations. Former eBay executive CEO Devin Wenig will contribute an additional \$1 million to a charity dedicated to protecting First Amendment rights in the name of Ina Steiner.
- eBay will issue a strongly-worded public statement regarding the conduct of former eBay CEO Devin Wenig and former eBay executives Steve Wymer and Wendy Jones in connection with the events occurring in Natick, MA and the culture of the company in 2019.
- The settlement contains no confidentiality provision, allowing the Steiners to publicly discuss the facts of the case and its resolution.
- Additional and separate settlements were reached with all other eBay employees named in the civil action.

The United States Department of Justice, through the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts, indicted former eBay employees Jim Baugh, David Harville, Brian Gilbert, Stephanie Popp, Stephanie Stockwell, Philip Cooke, and former eBay contractor Veronica Zea. Each ultimately pleaded guilty for their roles in the terror campaign.

eBay itself was also criminally charged and entered into a Deferred Prosecution Agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice, agreeing to pay the maximum available criminal fine of \$3 million and undertake serious corrective action.

The Steiners filed a civil lawsuit against all defendants in 2021.

In the spring of 2024, after changing counsel, the Steiners retained Scalli Murphy Law, Diller Law LLP, Finkelstein & Partners LLP, and Finkelstein, Blankinship, Frei-Pearson & Garber, LLP to lead the civil litigation.

As part of that litigation team, Diller Law worked alongside co-counsel through extensive discovery, motion practice, trial preparation, and settlement negotiations to help achieve this historic resolution. The firm is proud to have represented David and Ina Steiner in securing meaningful compensation while advancing their broader goals of accountability, protecting journalists and publishers, and deterring future corporate misconduct.

Additional background information regarding the litigation, criminal proceedings and settlement is available upon request.