



A divided federal appeals court said Wednesday it will not grant a rare meeting of its active judges to hear an appeal of an \$83 million verdict against President Donald Trump for defaming a magazine advice columnist over an encounter three decades ago.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals' decision to reject a so-called "en banc" hearing comes several months after Trump appealed to the Supreme Court another jury's decision to grant \$5 million to the writer, E. Jean Carroll, after concluding that he had sexually abused her in a department store dressing room in 1996 and later defamed her. The high court has not yet decided whether to hear the case.

Lawyers for Trump did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Carroll's attorney, Roberta Kaplan, said in a statement that her client was "eager for this case, originally filed in 2019, to be over so that she can finally obtain justice."

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