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## 8/8: Larry Wachs mocks Barnes lawsuit

By [Rodney Ho](#) | Tuesday, August 8, 2006, 01:58 PM

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

At risk of being sued himself, the Regular Guys' Larry Wachs on his blog makes fun of Steve Barnes' lawsuit related to 99X making fun of him.

Check out Larry's blog at [www.regularguys.com](http://www.regularguys.com) under the headline, "Anybody who criticizes me will be sued."

I spoke to Pete Wellborn, Barnes' attorney, who recused himself from the case because he plays a mafia don in "No Witness." He fully supports Barnes and calls the case "a slam dunk." Brandon Witkow, who reps Jimmy Baron and Leslie Fram, said the case has "no legal merit." Arthur Gardner, Barnes' lawyer for this particular lawsuit, said, "We regret we had to sue. Nobody likes to have to sue. It's unpleasant for everybody involved. But the conduct of the defendants in this matter is so outrageous, it leaves us no choice but to litigate."

I anticipate it will be a few months before we hear anything more about this case. The defendants can 1) fight 2) settle or 3) try to get the case thrown out. We'll see...

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By Eric B.

August 8, 2006 2:14 PM | [Link to this](#)

Rodney,

who cares about these childish acting men. Do you not have any other revelant radio/media stories to report on. geez my man—maybe the AJC needs to get a real journalist to cover the radio scene.

By Clfree

August 8, 2006 2:28 PM | [Link to this](#)

Damn Eric B.!

What do you want the man to do. He REPORTS the news, he does not make it up.

This is not the Middle East where people are getting killed every day. It is Atlanta Radio, do you want him to report on every intern that gets hired or fired from The FISH.

By Lola

August 8, 2006 3:01 PM | [Link to this](#)

This is classic. After TRG were suspended, I heard the morning show on 99excrement couldn't make enough jokes about it. Guess time really shows who has the talent (Eric and Larry) and who is really just a bunch of whiney liberal panty wastes.

By Larry

August 8, 2006 3:06 PM | [Link to this](#)

Please, don't stop covering this. This is the funnest thing going. It is a riot to see a man who thinks so highly of himself act like a silly little preschool girl.

By Larry

August 8, 2006 3:10 PM | [Link to this](#)

In a related question: What other movie projects does barnes have going or has worked on?

When he started at Dave he said he did it on the condition he would continue his "acting" and "producing" "career." He said he would be flying between ATL and LA regularly. But I have not heard him brag about his movie "career" lately.....

By [Rodney Ho](#)

August 8, 2006 3:18 PM | [Link to this](#)

Eric B: This blog is an interesting situation. It's a place where I feel the need to fill the space every single day, whether there's news or not because I want fresh content here for regular readers. Some days, like the past couple of weeks, the well has been fairly dry. It happens. I'm sorry I can't please everybody. If you have any good ideas for blog topics or news, please pass it on to me at rho@ajc.com

Cheers, Rodney

By Tigeress

August 8, 2006 3:35 PM | [Link to this](#)

Barnes is a piece of garbage and should be treated like such. He is your typical scum from Texas and should just disappear. I can't believe his sorry show has not been dropped for O & A yet. Allegedly, he is mean to children, old people and dogs.

By phatz

August 8, 2006 4:00 PM | [Link to this](#)

I have a completely different attitude about this:

Barnes is only using our civil judicial system in the manner for which it was designed. Even at half of what he's asking, he'll grab another million bucks to add to the bank. Do you really think with that almost definitive outcome that he cares one whip about what you radio sales geeks say?

Nope.

You know what else? It's great radio buzz. I guarantee you, 100%, that this lawsuit will improve the ratings for Barnes and Firfer and thus DaveFM on the whole. This is big news during a lame time in Atlanta radio — it's a shame it takes something like to create buzz, but that's the state of radio in our beloved yee-haw city right now.

Leslie can afford to fork over some cake, but you can bet Jimmy, who's seeing the inbox decline daily, is sweatin' strokin' a big check to Barnes. ...and Crash? He's just f'in glad that he's not named in the suit or that would be that for his skid-row-bound butt.

Good luck Barnes - Now you can afford my Rose Bowl tickets.

By kevin

August 8, 2006 4:01 PM | [Link to this](#)

Actually, Fred Toucher made a point of saying that he disagreed with what happened to the regular guys. That was different than making fun of them. He continually put down management for what happened to them.

By buzz

August 8, 2006 4:29 PM | [Link to this](#)

You'd think Wachs would devote more time to trying to repair the collapsing ratings on his failed morning show.

By Norma Lee

August 9, 2006 9:00 AM | [Link to this](#)

Larry just an old jew. He like young woman. Old woman like Norm beter lovers. He never ben around woman like me. He so shy. Rating go down 50% with Norma not on.

By bobbycox

August 9, 2006 9:56 AM | [Link to this](#)

Boy those Regular Stiffs Braves sTV spots during the spring book really paid off! We're having a tough enough year without being associated with those two losers. Speaking of losers, do I REALLY HAVE to call in to Denny Schaffer's show?

By cgb

August 9, 2006 10:09 AM | [Link to this](#)

Hey Rodney,

As long as you're answering questions, somebody on radio-info.com posted that Barnes pulled this same lawsuit stunt in another market and was successful. Do you have any info on that?

Charles B.

By sam

August 9, 2006 12:52 PM | [Link to this](#)

so PHATZ, our judicial system was designed to deal with frivolous lawsuits because some pansy got upset when other people made fun of him, give me a break, if you can't succeed through your own merit, then just fade away

By spambait2

August 9, 2006 2:28 PM | [Link to this](#)

Eric B., I don't even listen to the radio, I just read this blog because I'm a big fan of Rodney's.

By spambait2

August 9, 2006 2:31 PM | [Link to this](#)

This lawsuit is pretty entertaining. I look forward to continued coverage. Also, keep us posted on those courthouse foreclosure notices. August 14th is what the man said.

By Norma Lee

August 9, 2006 2:37 PM | [Link to this](#)

I didn't post the above posting about Larry Wachs. Someone been posting stuff in my name.

By bobbycox

August 9, 2006 3:13 PM | [Link to this](#)

I didn't post the above posting about Larry Wachs either, I think he's great despite the two share.

By Hotrod

August 10, 2006 11:15 AM | [Link to this](#)

I've listened to Atlanta radio for 35 years. I've seen jocks and show hosts going here, there, and by the end of their careers, everywhere. The Morning X was one of the most successful radio shows in Atl. AM history. Period. National attention, etc, etc.

I can't remember over those 35 years anything remotely like the slamming Barnes took when he joined Dave FM. Most jocks took the high road knowing their paths could cross again and often did in the biz.

Everytime the post morning X crew did the Barnes jokes something just was wrong about it. Kinda like listening to Fat Kid throwup on himself. Something not right.

So now its time to see who is laughing now.

By Jeff

August 10, 2006 11:40 AM | [Link to this](#)

Barnes isn't cutting it at DaveFM, I'm sure the lawsuit isn't going to bring him more ratings either. DaveFM's ratings are so low, they have to reach up to scratch a snake's belly.

By bud

August 11, 2006 9:39 AM | [Link to this](#)

Barnes is an @ss. This case will go nowhere, and the only people who will make money out of this are the lawyers on both sides of the case. I hope CBS Radio takes note of this, dumps DaveFM entirely, then creates a link and simulcasts FreeFM from Los Angeles onto the 92.9 frequency. They would save money and triple their ratings for the next quarter's arbitron numbers. It's too bad that CBS Radio would have to eat whatever their contracts are with their current lineup. I guess it serves them right for obliterating a decent classic rock station with a wimp-rock lineup like Coldplay and the Dave Mathews Band.