**Court Dismisses Racist Lawsuit filed by D Magazine’s Tim Rogers Against Black Female Journalist**

*The case was found by the judge to be an attempt by the white-owned media group to silence the independent writer known as Maya Pembledon.*

A Texas Court dismissed a lawsuit filed by D Magazine parent company Allison Publications against Maya Pembledon, the nom de plume for an independent black female writer. In the dismissal, Judge Jim Johnson cited the Texas Citizens Participation Act (TCPA), a law meant to encourage first amendment freedoms and discourage monied interests from suing to silence critics.

“The TCPA is intended to prevent litigation that would silence people. And so at its core, to me, this case is about that,” said Judge Johnson in issuing his ruling on the case.

Maya Pembledon expressed relief at the dismissal but also expressed concern at the prospect of continued harassment at the hands of D Magazine’s editor Tim Rogers. Though she may be entitled to the payment of attorney’s fees from D Magazine’s racist and frivolous lawsuit as compensation under the TCPA, Ms. Pembledon offered to drop her demand for fees if editor Tim Rogers ceases his harassment. Mr. Rogers has thus far refused to entertain the offer.

“I am grateful that the court saw fit to dismiss this racist and frivolous attempt to silence me, a black female independent writer and single mother. Tim Rogers and D Magazine should be ashamed of having pursued this attempt to silence my voice all because I asked questions about the lack of diversity in management, ownership and features at the publication. I hope this defeat will encourage Mr. Rogers to halt his harassment of me and of all other people of color.”

“We shall see if D Magazine’s ownership will do the right thing and separate itself from the legal lynching perpetrated by their editor, Tim Rogers.”