

# Verdicts & Settlements Final Preview

RESULT DATE: Aug. 1, 2013

Romy Robinson, Imani Wilcox v. Delicious Vinyl Records LLC, Trevant Hardson, Derrick Stewart  
(2:13-cv-4111)

Hon. Christina A. Snyder

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TOPIC: Intellectual Property

SUB TOPIC: Breach of Contract

FURTHER DESCRIPTION: Settlement/Dissociation Agreement

BENCH DECISION: Preliminary Injunction Granted

ATTORNEY:

Plaintiff - Gregory L. Young, Steven H. Haney (Haney Law Group, Los Angeles).

Defendant - Jonathan D. Freund, Craig A. Huber, Stephen P. Crump (Freund & Brackey, Beverly Hills).

FACTS: In 1989, Romy Robinson, Imani Wilcox, Trevant Hardson, and Derrick Stewart formed the hip-hop group "The Pharcyde." In 1992, they entered into a recording contract with Delicious Vinyl Records LLC (DVR). Members of the group later dissociated from the group. This lawsuit arose from the alleged breach of a written Dissociation Agreement. The remaining group members continued to perform as the Pharcyde.

In this instant lawsuit, Robinson and Wilcox sued DVR, Hardson and Stewart alleging 14 claims for relief, including, among others: breach of the Settlement/Dissociation Agreement, breach of the Tour Agreement; breach of the Recording Contract; trademark infringement; and violation of right of publicity. Plaintiffs claimed that defendants' use of the "Pharcyde" mark diminished their reputation, and sought a preliminary injunction enjoining defendants from further using the "Pharcyde."

RESULT: U.S. District Court Judge Christina A. Snyder granted plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction.