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BEST-SELLING AUTHOR RAINE MILLER VINDICATED IN DISPUTE WITH HER PUBLISHER, SIREN-BOOKSTRAND, INC.

Austin, Texas, September 14, 2016 – In a nine-page ruling issued by the Arbitrator in a case brought by Austin, Texas based publisher Siren-Bookstrand, Inc. against author Raine Miller, the Arbitrator found that subsequent works published by Raine Miller were not sequels subject to a right of first refusal in her contracts with the Texas publisher.

Siren-Bookstrand, Inc. initially filed a lawsuit in Travis County, Texas and fought Raine Miller's attempts to compel the dispute to arbitration in accordance with the parties' contracts. The Travis County judge compelled the parties to arbitration, and Siren-Bookstrand, Inc. unsuccessfully challenged the judge's ruling in the Austin Court of Appeals.

Following a recent evidentiary hearing in the arbitration, the Arbitrator ruled that Siren-Bookstrand, Inc. had no legal basis for its contention that eight subsequent Raine Miller books were sequels within the meaning of the parties' contracts. The Arbitrator read each of the books alleged by the publisher to have been a sequel and determined that none of the books met the plain meaning of the definition of "sequel" or the definition supplied by the parties' contracts.

The Arbitrator further found that the actions of Siren-Bookstrand, Inc. and its claims to all proceeds from Raine Miller's subsequent books were unreasonable, and that the publisher proceeded with its claims against Raine Miller without an adequate investigation or foundation. The attorney for Siren-Bookstrand, Inc. discouraged the Arbitrator from reading the books in question, while the attorney for Raine Miller stated that it was essential for the Arbitrator to read each one of the books in question. Raine Miller believes "the Arbitrator's ruling in this matter is important to all authors and publishers, and sends a strong message concerning the ownership of an author's subsequent writings."

Raine Miller was represented by attorneys Matthew K. Davis and Wendy D. Dawer of the Dallas, Texas law firm of Jones, Davis & Jackson, PC. Scott Hoffman of Folio Literary Management in New York City served as an expert witness on behalf of the author. Raine Miller has written numerous books, including *New York Times* bestsellers, *Naked*, *All In*, *Eyes Wide Open*, and *Rare and Precious Things*. Raine Miller's newest book, *Filthy Rich*, will be available later this year.

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