

Judge blocks Sandy Hook families' settlement in Alex Jones' bankruptcy

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[1/2] Robbie Parker, whose daughter was killed in the Sandy Hook Elementary School Shooting, addresses the media after the jury awarded the victims' families \$965 million in damages in a second defamation trial against Alex Jones over Sandy Hook claims in Waterbury, Connecticut, U.S., October 12, 2022.... [Purchase Licensing Rights](#) [Read more](#)



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Settlement would improperly carve up Infowars assets, judge said

Jones owes \$1.3 billion in families' defamation lawsuits

Connecticut and Texas families agreed to 75/25 split of assets

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NEW YORK, Feb 5 (Reuters) - A U.S. bankruptcy judge on Wednesday blocked a settlement between families who have sued Alex Jones over his false claims about the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School mass shooting, saying their attempt to divide the bankrupt conspiracy theorist's assets exceeded his court's authority.

The decision complicates a proposed sale of Jones' Infowars platform, and could spur divisions between families who sued Jones and won nearly \$1.3 billion in Connecticut court cases and those who won \$50 million in Texas courts. The two groups of families had proposed a settlement that would guarantee the Texas families a 25% share of Jones' future payments made to the Sandy Hook families, with the Connecticut families taking 75%.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Christopher Lopez rejected the settlement at a hearing in Houston, saying the families were asking him to also divide up the assets of Infowars' parent company Free Speech Systems, despite the fact that the company had been dismissed from bankruptcy last year.

"I can't do that," Lopez said. "That case is closed."

Courts in Connecticut and Texas, where some of the families filed their lawsuits, have ruled Jones defamed the families by making repeated false claims that the school shooting, which killed 20 students and six staff members in Newtown, Connecticut, was staged as part of a government plot