

# Muhammad Ali's Personal Photographer in Legal Battle With Authentic Brands Group

*Photographer Michael Gaffney alleges copyright infringement of rare collection*

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EINPresswire.com/ -- Muhammad Ali's personal photographer, Michael Gaffney, is in a copyright infringement lawsuit heading to trial on September 16, 2024, against Authentic Brands Group (ABG). Gaffney is represented by the law firm, Glaser Weil, Los Angeles, Calif., attorneys, Robert Allen, Jason Linger, and Rebecca Feldman.

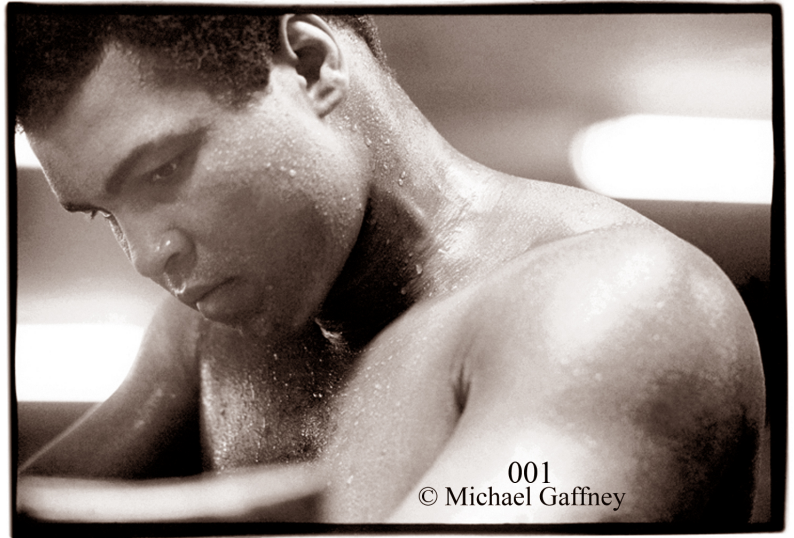
Gaffney alleges that ABG used his rare collection of Ali photographs after

Gaffney's contract with ABG expired, including on ABG's commercial media accounts, where they advertised to millions of people. One of Gaffney's iconic photographs was even selected by ABG as the official obituary photograph of Ali. ABG's social media was directly linked to websites where Ali merchandise was sold. Gaffney further alleges that ABG profited from the Ali photographs by distributing them to other companies, such as TAG Heuer, for their advertising campaigns, without authorization from Gaffney.

Gaffney is an award-winning photographer based in New Jersey. He was Ali's personal photographer from 1977 to 1978, covered three of Ali's fights, and traveled with Ali and his family around the world. Gaffney's photographs have been featured in museums, exhibitions internationally and in films, including the Ken Burns four-part documentary film, "Muhammad Ali." In 2012, Gaffney published a book, "The Champ-My Year With Muhammad Ali," that documented in photographs and stories his experience.

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Muhammad Ali, The Fifth Street Gym, Miami Beach, 1978

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