



Fantastic Films wins \$2.1M award against Uwe Boll

October 29, 2008 – Los Angeles – Spillane Shaeffer Aronoff Bandlow (SSAB), a Century City based litigation law firm, successfully obtained an award for client Roxane Barbat and her company Fantastic Films International (FFI) against German filmmaker Uwe Boll personally and against several of his companies. FFI was the exclusive worldwide sales agent for such Boll films as Bloodrayne, In The Name of The King, Far Cry and Postal and secured numerous distribution deals for those films. The Arbitrator found that Boll had either taken those deals out from under FFI or had otherwise failed to pay FFI commissions due for the sales in over 45 countries. The Arbitrator also awarded FFI and Barbat \$200,000 in libel damages after Boll sent an email to FFI's buyers disparaging FFI.

Lincoln Bandlow of SSAB, lead counsel for FFI, said the Arbitrator found elements of Mr. Boll's oral testimony about events that were in direct conflict with written emails from Boll that were introduced into evidence. Other emails from Boll to Barbat revealed Boll's objectionable business practices with statements such as: **"may the best agent win"** and **"it is ok to sell to two [...] buyers. The first one to pay gets the picture."** The Arbitrator found Boll's testimony to be, in large part, not credible.

"The Arbitrator's rulings and IFTA and Los Angeles Superior Court approved award of damages to FFI is validation of our claim of breach of contract," said Bandlow. "My clients are happy to see that their hard work in securing numerous distribution deals on behalf of Mr. Boll and his films will finally be rewarded."

About FFI

Los Angeles-based FANTASTIC FILMS INTERNATIONAL (FFI) is a full service, worldwide sales company created by Roxane Barbat and Fred deWysocki. The company was launched in January of 2002 and specializes in theatrical films, such as SPIRIT OF THE FOREST, A FOX'S TALE and AGENT

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CRUSH, with budgets up to \$60M. In 2005, FFI expanded into Executive Producing in order to bring their expertise and resources to improve their product by getting involved at the early stage. FFI represents a brand of "fantastic" independent films in every sense of the word.

About SSAB

Spillane Shaeffer Aronoff Bandlow LLP, Century City, Calif., has tried some of the most significant cases in a wide variety of practice areas over the past several years. These strategic trial lawyers specialize in entertainment, media, intellectual property, antitrust, regulatory, environmental and corporate litigation. Spillane Shaeffer Aronoff Bandlow LLP handles all variety of contested legal proceedings, including mediation, arbitration, administrative proceedings, litigation in state, federal and bankruptcy court and appeals. The firm represents a diverse group of clients from individuals to privately held companies and publicly traded corporations.

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