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#### Jay-Z Tapes 'Unplugged' And Scores Legal Victory

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(11/21/01, 3 p.m. ET) -- [Jay-Z](#) taped a performance for *Unplugged* on Sunday (November 18) and was joined by [Mary J. Blige](#), who made a surprise appearance to help Jay-Z out during his set. Fans can also expect to see Jay-Z accompanied by an acoustic band and a string quartet when the airs on MTV2 on December 15.

In related news, Jay-Z scored a legal victory last Friday (November 16) when a hearing, which was originally scheduled for November 8, resulted in Judge **Barbara Jones** of Manhattan's Southern District denying a request for a preliminary injunction that would have halted the sales of Jay-Z's "Izzo (H.O.V.A.)," as well as [The Blueprint](#), the album that features the single.

**Demme Ulloa** sought the preliminary injunction in her ongoing copyright-infringement case against Jay-Z. Ulloa asserts that she sang the chorus to "Izzo (H.O.V.A.)," never signed a contract, and has not received any compensation. Ulloa also named the Island Def Jam Music Group, Universal Music, and Roc-A-Fella Records in the lawsuit.

When LAUNCH spoke with Ulloa's lawyer, **John P. Bostany**, he shared his client's perspective on the case, "Demme made two musical contributions to the song. She created the melody and provided the vocals for the chorus. She wants to participate in a very small way in the profits of this very successful song. Even Jay-Z said she enhanced the song."

Bostany also shared that he was disappointed but not upset with Judge Jones for denying the request for the preliminary injunction: "Judge Jones exercised her discretion and I have the greatest respect

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for Judge Jones." The next step in the case will come on December 7 when Jay-Z and his lawyers will submit an answer to Ulloa's complaint.

-- Yves Erwin Salomon, New York

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