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Zimmerman appeals defamation ruling, but chances are slim

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SANFORD, Fla. —

Acquitted neighborhood watch leader George Zimmerman has filed paperwork at the Seminole County courthouse appealing the ruling that tossed out his defamation lawsuit against NBC Universal.

He has a ten percent chance of succeeding, according to News 96.5 legal expert Steven Kramer.

Kramer, who helped provide legal opinions during our coverage of the trial said, "This really turns on one main point, when did he become famous?"

That's because public figures have a much higher burden of proof. "He's got to show that NBC had actual malice and that they were reckless in disregarding the truth," Kramer explained.

"He wants to win, because he doesn't have a normal life," Kramer added, calling Zimmerman one of the most hated people in America.

Since the trial Zimmerman admitted that he cannot find work and is living off the generosity of friends.

His marriage also ended on the rocks.

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