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### Duarte Defaults in Kramer Lawsuit

Los Angeles designer Henry Duarte and his **Duarte Productions Inc.** face damages of more than \$1 million after defaulting in a lawsuit filed against Duarte by **Designers & Agents** trade show co-founder Barbara Kramer.

Duarte failed to respond to the complaint within 30 days of being served papers and now faces a judgment to be determined by the court. Kramer filed a suit on Aug. 9 in Los Angeles Superior Court charging Duarte with fraud and breach of contract and is seeking more than \$1 million in damages stem-

ming from a previous business venture between her and Duarte. Most of the damages sought stem from back rent for real estate Duarte and Kramer leased from a Los Angeles landlord.

Kramer's attorney, Lloyd S. Mann of the Sherman Oaks, Calif.-based law firm **Mann & Zarpas LLP**, said he will soon submit documentation to the court to determine the amount of the judgment against Duarte.

—Robert McAllister