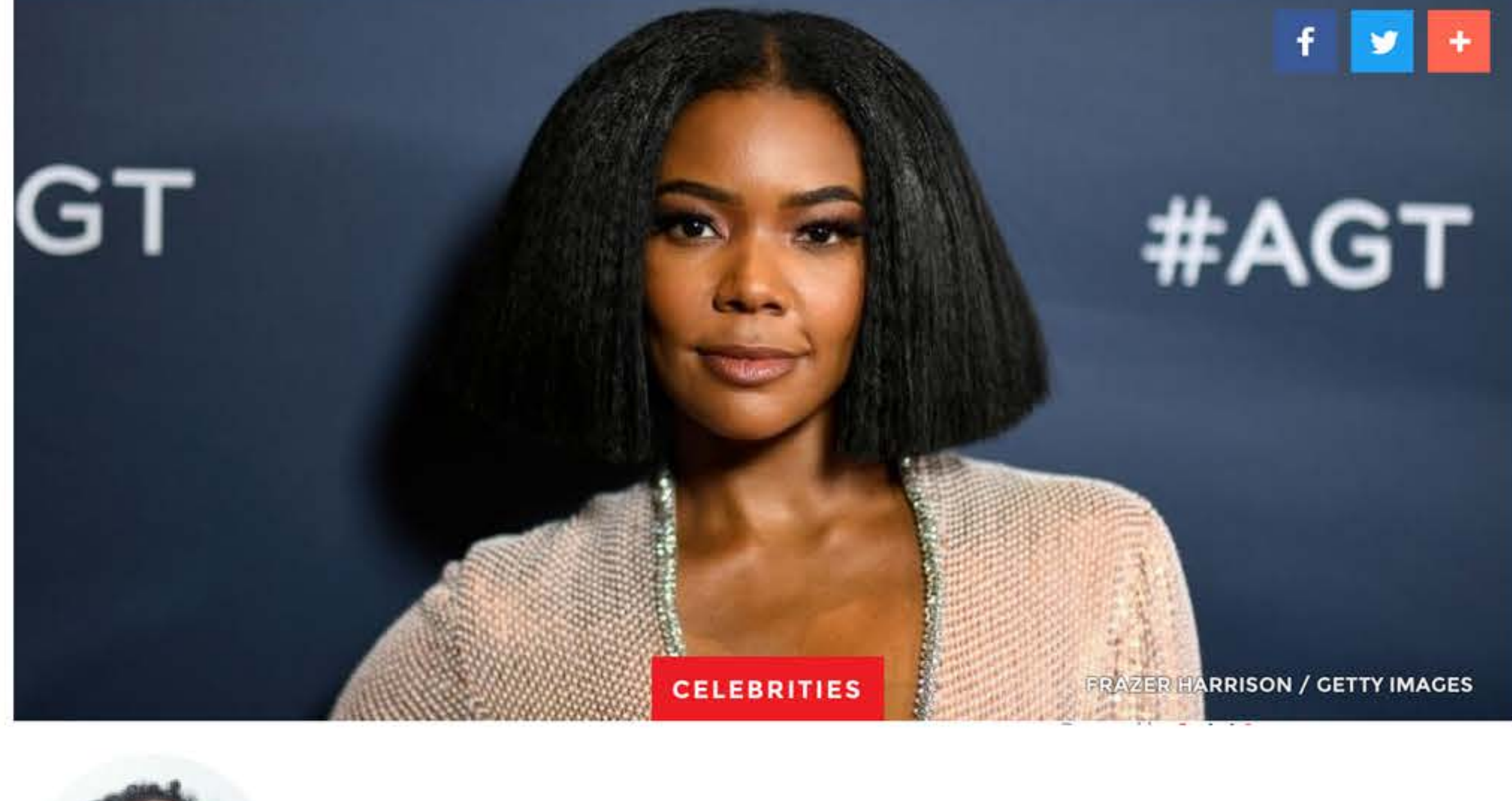


Gabrielle Union Reportedly Set To Meet With Lawyers Following 'AGT' Firing & Rumors Of Discrimination



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Gabrielle Union is reportedly set to meet with attorneys hired by NBC this week in the aftermath of her controversial departure from *America's Got Talent's* judging panel. *Deadline* reports that the actress is scheduled to sit down with external counsel the network has retained to mediate the issue. However, a source from the *Being Mary Jane* actress's camp has said the meeting with the legal team does not mean that she will return to the show.

According to the insider, Gabrielle's goal is to help address some of the "toxicity" that she observed during her season-long stint on the popular TV talent show.

"She wants to help fix that, because she loved a lot of her time on the show last season, even with the issues with Simon and what have you," the insider said.

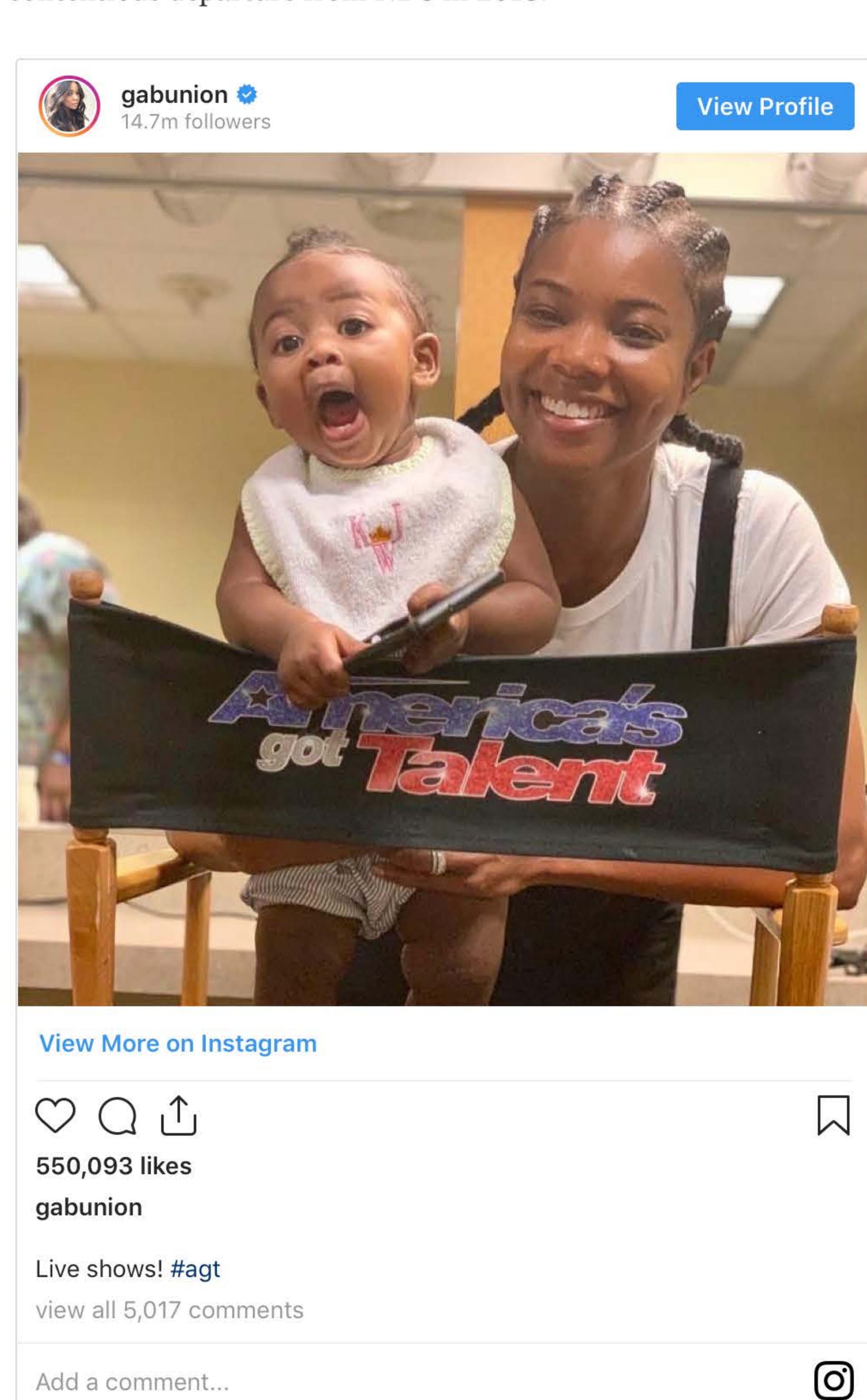
"But she could never go back, even if they did a 360 and asked her to for another season, no."

According to *Deadline*, Gabrielle has not directly spoken to NBC about her complaints thus far. She was reportedly previously told by co-judge and *AGT* executive producer Simon Cowell that she should bring her concerns to him instead of anyone in authority at the network.

As *The Inquisitr* reported, **Gabrielle allegedly complained to producers** about a joke that guest-judge Jay Leno made about Korean contestants during one episode. She was also reportedly told that her hairstyles were "too black" for the show's audience.

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The news of Gabrielle's reported complaints has led to an outpouring of support for her on social media from fans and celebrities alike. While responding to the story on his *Sirius XM* show, **former AGT judge Howard Stern** also publicly slammed Simon Cowell for encouraging a "boy's club" on set.

Simon's production company Syco Entertainment recently released a joint statement with NBC and British co-producer Fremantle that addressed the fallout from Gabrielle's alleged firing.

"We remain committed to ensuring a respectful workplace for all employees and take very seriously any questions about workplace culture." the statement reads.

Their press statement went on to say that they're "working with" the *LA's Most Wanted* actress' representation to gain more insight into her complaints about the work culture at *AGT*. They also committed to take any action they deem appropriate as a result of their discussions with her team.

Besides expressing gratitude for the support she has received in the wake of the controversy, Gabrielle has not directly spoken out about her purported complaints about *AGT*.