Casey Affleck and the limits of Hollywood’s tolerance

Oscar-winning actor Ben Affleck was awarded the male lead role in the 2017 film “Manchester by the Sea,” which tells the story of a man whose life is turned upside down after the death of his wife and children. The film, directed by Kenneth Lonergan, received widespread critical acclaim and was nominated for several Academy Awards, including Best Picture. It was Affleck’s first role in a major studio film, and his performance was praised for its raw emotion and depth.

However, Affleck’s career has been marked by controversy. In 2010, he was accused of sexual assault by actress Ashley Judd, who said Affleck had forcibly kissed her against her will during a party at a hotel in Los Angeles. Affleck denied the allegations, and the case was dropped by the district attorney.

In 2016, Affleck was again accused of sexual misconduct, this time by Vulture’s Emilyazzo, who wrote about Affleck’s interactions with female colleagues and co-stars on the set of “Manchester by the Sea.” Affleck denied the allegations, but the incident sparked a reexamination of Hollywood’s treatment of sexual misconduct.

Despite the controversy, Affleck has continued to work in Hollywood, and his career has been marked by both acclaim and controversy. His latest film, “The Way Back,” is set to be released later this year. 

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