

Source: Larry Neumeister, The Associated Press Comic book publisher Marvel Entertainment owns the rights to the Ghost Rider character in the fiery form that originated in the early 1970s, a federal judge ruled as she rejected the claims of a former Marvel writer seeking to cash in on lucrative movie rights. U.S. District Judge Katherine Forrest tossed out 4-year-old claims brought by Gary Friedrich, who said he created the motorcycle-driving Ghost Rider with the skeletal head that sometimes had fire blazing from it. A Ghost Rider of the 1950s and '60s was a Western character who rode a horse. The judge said Friedrich gave up all ownership rights when he signed checks containing language relinquishing all rights to the predecessor companies of Marvel Entertainment LLC. "The law is clear that when an individual endorses a check subject to a condition, he accepts that condition," the judge wrote. Forrest said her finding made it unnecessary to "travel

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