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Conrad was running for mayor of Largeville. He was going to debate the incumbent mayor, Bill Holder, at a big outdoor event on the south lawn of the mayor's mansion. It was a contentious election and Conrad's supporters were a rabid group. His supporters were known to get rowdy at Conrad's political rallies. Nevertheless, Conrad felt confident he could keep them under control. He texted his core supporters and told them "there'd be hell to pay" if any got disruptive at the debate.

Sally worked for the local Largeville newspaper and was covering the debate. She struggled over the barricades around the debate stage in order to get closer to Mayor Holder's entourage as they approached the stage area. She overheard the mayor tell his assistant to "be prepared for trouble out here today" just before the mayor's bodyguard grabbed Sally by the strap on her bag. He held her back until the mayor had passed by. Sally was furious. She slapped the bodyguard, who pushed her back over the barricade, where she landed on a Conrad supporter's poster board sign. The sign was crushed and Conrad's supporters immediately surged the barricades. A bruised and scratched Sally managed to drag herself out from under the mob.

Conrad's supporters pressed forward on the barricades, chanting "death to Holder." Holder's bodyguard hustled Holder off the stage and to the safety of the mansion. The law enforcement budget had been reduced recently in order to pay for redecoration of the mayor's mansion. So, only two policemen were on hand to control the crowd. Untrained in crowd control techniques, they were unable to stem the violence, and many in the crowd who were not Conrad supporters were injured in the melee.

Conrad took the stage and grabbed the microphone. He begged his supporters to stop the violence just as police reinforcements arrived in riot gear. They beat back Conrad's supporters with batons and eventually restored order.

Please discuss the potential torts and any applicable defenses.