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**You CAN be fired for being too cute: Yoga instructor who claims boss sacked her for making his 'lesbian' Playboy wife jealous has discrimination lawsuit rejected**

- Dilek Edwards was hired by her chiropractor boss Charles Nicolai in 2012
- Claims she was fired as she might make wife Stephanie Adams 'jealous'
- Adams allegedly texted Edwards to 'stay the f\*\*\* away' from her husband
- Judge called boss' behaviour 'abhorrent' but rejected discrimination claims

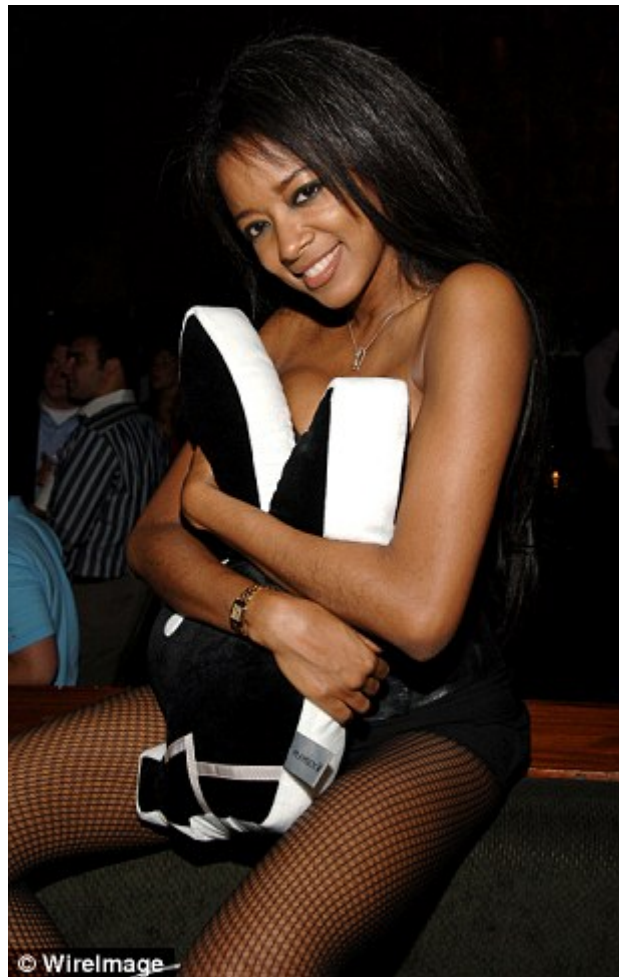
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A yoga instructor who claims her boss fired her for being 'too cute' and making his lesbian ex-Playboy Playmate mate wife jealous has had her discrimination lawsuit rejected.

Dilek Edwards alleged that she was sacked from the Wall Street chiropractic clinic that self-confessed lesbian Stephanie Adams, 45, owns with her doctor husband, Charles Nicolai.

However a Manhattan judge ruled on Thursday that Ms Edwards' suit didn't have any allegations that she was fired 'because of her status as a woman'.



Dilek Edwards (left), who claimed her New York chiropractor boss Charles Nicolai fired her for being 'too cute', saying she might make

his wife Stephanie Adams (right) jealous, had her discrimination lawsuit rejected  
Supreme Court Justice Shlomo Hagler said: 'To state a claim for employment discrimination a plaintiff must allege that she is a member of a protected class.  
He added: 'The defendants' behavior, no matter how abhorrent, fails to constitute gender discrimination.'

Ms Edwards was hired by Charles Nicolai, the owner of Wall St. Chiropractic and Wellness to work as a yoga instructor and massage therapist in April 2012.

Arguing that someone can't be fired for 'attractiveness', Nicolai's lawyer Douglas Wigdor dismissed the suit.



Ms Edwards was hired by Charles Nicolai (left), who co-owns Wall St. Chiropractic and Wellness with Ms Adams (pictured right with her son) to work as a yoga instructor and massage therapist in April 2012





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Ms Edwards (pictured) claims she got a 'frantic' text at 1.31am from Ms Adams in 2013 that said: 'You are NOT welcome any longer at Wall Street Chiropractic, DO NOT ever step foot in there again, and stay the f\*\*\* away from my husband and family'

The judge agreed with this, but he did not dismiss Ms Edwards' claim that she was defamed by Ms Adams' allegations to the NYPD that Edwards had threatened her.

'We are obviously pleased with the decision,' Mr Wigdor said on Thursday according to the [New York Daily News](#).

He added that he believes the defamation claim will also be dismissed when the case is completed.

Ms Edwards has maintained that her relationship with Mr Nicolai was strictly 'cordial and professional.'



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In court papers filed in November 2013, Ms Edwards said that Mr Nicolai warned her in June that his wife 'might become jealous' after she gave him yoga-therapy sessions to help with chronic pain, telling her 'it had to be a secret.'

However, on October 30, Ms Edwards says that she got a 'frantic' text at 1.31 a.m. from Adams that said 'You are NOT welcome any longer at Wall Street Chiropractic.

She alleged that the message continued: 'DO NOT ever step foot in there again, and stay the f\*\*\* away from my husband and family.'

'And remember I warned you,' Adams allegedly said according to the [New York Post](#).

Edwards told the Post that her relationship with Nicolai who owns the successful practice was 'purely professional'.

The yoga teacher had sought unspecified damages, alleging sexual harassment, gender discrimination and unlawful termination.

Former Playboy centerfold Adams still identifies with the LGBT community, despite having a son with Mr Nicolai. She has also in the past claimed to be a 'direct descendant' of Presidents John Adams and John Quincy Adams.

'I can only imagine they're rolling over in their graves because of the outrageous behavior of their purported descendant,' said Edwards' lawyer, Maimon Kirschenbaum.

In 2012, Ms Adams won \$1.2 million from New York City because she was arrested in 2006 for allegedly threatening to shoot a cab driver with a gun.

It was proven that she couldn't have been carrying a gun because she was wearing skin tight clothing.



Ms Edwards said her relationship with Mr Nicolai (pictured) was strictly 'cordial and professional' - but claimed he told her their yoga-therapy sessions to help with chronic pain 'had to be a secret'





Supreme Court Justice Shlomo Hagler branded Mr Nicolai's behaviour 'abhorrent' but said it 'failed to constitute gender discrimination'