

NYC yoga instructor's discrimination lawsuit for being 'too cute' tossed; was fired for making employer's wife jealous

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You can get the boot for being too cute.

A Manhattan judge tossed out a yoga instructor's lawsuit claiming that she was discriminated against when she was fired because her boss said she was "too cute" and might make his wife, a former Playboy Playmate, jealous.

Supreme Court Justice Shlomo Hagler ruled that Dilek Edwards's suit did not contain a single allegation that she was terminated "because of her status as a woman."

"To state a claim for employment discrimination a plaintiff must allege that she is a member of a protected class," Hagler pointed out, which cuteness is not.

The "defendants' behavior, no matter how abhorrent, fails to constitute gender discrimination."

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



Dilek Edwards, a yoga instructor, claims she was discriminated against when she was fired for being "too cute."



Edwards said she was fired for being pretty because of jealous ex-Playboy Playmate Stephanie Adams.

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Nicolai's wife, Stephanie Adams, is the co-owner, and though Miss November 1992 is a knockout herself, she may have been bitten by the green-eyed monster.

Edwards claimed that she received a text message from Adams in October 2013 ordering her to stay away from the office and "stay away the f--- away from my husband and family!!!!!! And remember I warned you."

Nicolai's lawyer Douglas Wigdor filed papers to dismiss the suit, arguing that someone can't be dismissed for "attractiveness."

The judge agreed, but he also declined to dismiss Edwards' claim that she was defamed by Adams' allegations to the NYPD that Edwards had threatened her.

"We are obviously pleased with the decision," Wigdor said Thursday, adding that he is confident that the defamation claim will also be dismissed when discovery in the case is completed.

Edwards could not immediately be reached for comment. She has maintained that her relationship with Nicolai was strictly "cordial and professional."

Adams — who says she's a descendant of presidents John Adams and John Quincy Adams — has had success in court before.

She was awarded \$1.2 million by a Manhattan jury in 2012 after she sued the NYPD for excessive force.

The 2006 run in with cops started when a cabby falsely told police Adams had threatened to shoot him. Cops threw her to the ground and roughly searched - even though she was wearing a skintight outfit. She said she suffered neck and spine injuries as a result.

The cabbie, meanwhile, lost his license after he told TLC investigators he thought Adams was a "werewolf" and that she'd threatened him with her "vampire teeth."