## Goldman Sachs took me off account because I'm black: suit

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Goldman Sachs removed a private wealth management exec from a profitable account because she was black, a lawsuit filed Wednesday claims.

Rebecca Allen claims she spent nearly three years working a potential client relationship with Brent Saunders, the chief executive of Allergen — only to have Christina Minnis, a Goldman investment banking partner, pull her off the relationship last November.

Minnis also used "numerous racist comments, as well as anti-Semitic comments" in reference to Allen while meeting with the woman's boss, Corey Jassem, it is alleged.

Allen, 34, is Jewish.

Jassem would later take back the racist allegation — narrowing the offense to anti-Semitic jibes.

The wealth manager also claims in the suit, filed in Manhattan federal court, that she had "substantially fewer and less valuable clients" steered to her than to her colleagues.

Steering refers to giving a particular adviser the chance to win a client who approached the bank itself, not a particular employee.

A spokesman for Saunders declined to comment.

Allen claims the loss of Saunders as a potential client cost her roughly \$300,000 a year in compensation.

"We believe this suit is without merit and we will vigorously contest it," Leslie Shribman, a Goldman spokeswoman, said in a statement.

"Our success depends on our ability to maintain a diverse employee base and we are focused on recruiting, retaining and promoting diverse professionals at all levels."

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