

# 'Frivolous' lawyer fined

A judge yesterday slapped more than \$100,000 in fees and fines on the lawyer who's defending a hedge fund against sexual-harassment charges by two secretaries.

Ron Green, lawyer for Titan Capital, must pay the fees as a penalty for his "frivolous" countersuit against an opposing lawyer, ruled Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Walter Tolub.

The legal action began last summer, when ex-Titan employees Cristina Culicea and Danielle Pecille filed an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission com-

plaint charging the two brothers at the company's helm, Russell and Marcus Abrams, with sexual harassment.

Among Pecille's specific gripes was that Russell made her develop pictures showing his wife topless on their honeymoon.

Pecille kept the pictures as "evidence" of the alleged harassment, and the wife then sued to get the pictures back.

But Green erred in suing not only Pecille, but Culicea and her lawyer, the judge said. *Laura Italiano*