

A new mother has filed a lawsuit against retail giant Nicole Miller, and its president of the same name, on the grounds of an anti-pregnancy bias.

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'Oh, so you knew you were pregnant when you interviewed?' Miller said, according to the [NY Daily News](#).

'You won't want to come back to work after having twins,' she continued.

It seems Miller took that statement seriously, as Simchi-Levy received a letter informing her that she was fired due to 'performance issues' a month after she gave birth on New Year's Day.

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The letter acknowledged that it was likely 'inconvenient on a personal level' for her.

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Miller reportedly ostracized her, refused to refer to her directly in meetings, and moved her office to make direct communication more difficult.

Other employees told Simchi-Levy that Miller hated her.

During one confrontation about a late order of sweaters, Miller reportedly called her a f*****g a**hole over the phone and hung up on her.

A month later, Simchi-Levy was forced to take a prolonged hospital stay due to complications in her pregnancy. She claims that the company then coerced her into taking the time as unpaid medical leave, despite the fact that she wanted to continue working.

Simchi Levy's attorney Douglas Wigler said: 'As a successful fashion designer and businesswoman herself, it is disgraceful that Ms. Miller would treat a dedicated and loyal employee who was pregnant with such disdain.'

Miller herself is a mother to Trinity College student Palmer Taipale, the son from her marriage with financier Kim Taipale.