

# Goldman Sachs tried to cover up sexual misconduct claims. suit alleges

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## Goldman Sachs 'tried to cover up sexual misconduct claims' against its global head of litigation who 'used this position of power to prey upon a much younger and vulnerable female colleague'

- **Former Goldman Sachs attorney filed the lawsuit on Monday in New York**
- **She claims she was fired after championing a young colleague's claims**
- **The younger woman, who is not identified, said Goldman's head of global litigation Darrell Cafasso romantically pursued her despite her rebuffs**
- **Plaintiff Marla Crawford said she was fired after raising concerns**
- **Goldman denies the allegations and says the complaint was properly handled**

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Goldman Sachs attempted to cover up allegations of workplace sexual misconduct by the bank's global head of litigation, a lawsuit filed on Monday in New York State Supreme Court claimed.

The lawsuit was filed by Marla Crawford, a former associate general counsel at the bank, against Goldman Sachs, the bank's General Counsel Karen Seymour and its Global Head of Litigation, Darrell Cafasso.

The lawsuit claimed that in 2019, Cafasso used his position of power to 'romantically prey upon a much younger and vulnerable female colleague.'

Crawford, who was a confidant of the alleged victim, attempted to speak up about the alleged misconduct, the lawsuit said, and was subsequently fired after 10 years of 'exemplary performance.'

The suit claims that Cafasso encouraged the alleged female victim to consume alcohol during private rendezvous at PJ Clarke's, and professed his love for her.

'I have feelings for you I have never had for anyone else but my wife' and 'I think I'm falling in love with you,' Cafasso professed, according to the suit.

When his overtures were rebuffed, Cafasso blamed the junior employee, calling her a 'temptress' and 'the Devil's pawn', according to the lawsuit.

After the female employee came forward, Seymour and Goldman hired law firm Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP to conduct an investigation with the intention to quickly 'sweep it under the rug,' the lawsuit claimed.

'Let's try to put this genie back in the bottle,' Seymour said at the time, according to the lawsuit.

Cafasso returned to work after two weeks, while the alleged victim - who is unnamed in the lawsuit - left the bank, it said.

Crawford claims that she was fired after championing the young woman's claims and seeking meaningful disciplinary action against Cafasso, her superior.

Seymour declined to comment. Cafasso was not available for comment.

Goldman Sachs rejected the claims in the lawsuit.

'We conducted a review of the allegations in this complaint and found that they were completely without merit,' a spokeswoman said.

'The General Counsel took all appropriate actions, including ensuring there were thorough investigations by our HR function, after the incidents that form the basis of the plaintiff's complaint,' she added.

As part of a broader legal division restructuring, Crawford was offered her same job in a different location, an opportunity she declined, the Goldman Sachs spokeswoman said.

In a statement issued by her lawyer, Crawford said: 'As a lawyer and professional, I always try to stand up for what is right. Unfortunately for Goldman's top lawyers, that made me a liability. I will hold Goldman and its senior lawyers accountable for the blatant retaliation perpetrated against me.'