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Married socialite 'made naked passes at dog trainer and fired him for not having sex with her'

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A wealthy married socialite tried to seduce her dog trainer by beckoning him to her bedroom while she was almost naked before firing him for refusing to have sex with her, it has been claimed.

Former model turned housewife Paige Bluhdorn, 44, would try to tempt the man at her husband's lavish Bedford Hills estate by lying sprawled on the bed in skimpy shorts and a T-shirt or naked in just a bathrobe, he said.

Westley Artope has now filed a suit in Manhattan federal court for unfair dismissal after he claims he was fired for refusing the advances.

'She absolutely made passes at me,' Mr Atrope, who looked after the couple's three Great Danes, two pugs and one Chihuahua, told the New York Post.

'She did things that were inappropriate. She would call me into her bedroom several times, and she would basically flash me.'

Mr Atrope, who is married with four children, said that when he said no, Bluhdorn would try to reassure his that it was fine because she was also married.

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That was 'no reason not to become intimately involved,' she then said, according to court papers.

She would even make advances while her husband was in the house, Mr Atrope said.

Her husband, Paul Bluhdorn, is the son of Charles, the renowned founder of Hollywood film studio Gulf+Western.

The couple are renowned New York socialites, who vacation in the Hamptons with the likes of Mayor Bloomberg.



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Mrs Bluhdorn has also worked on the School of American Ballet's advisory board with Chelsea Clinton and Sarah Jessica Parker.

'She exposed herself . . . She told me to sit on the bed next to her, but I didn't. She was propositioning me,' Mr Artope added.

On one occasion Mrs Bluhdorn went on a drive with him, grabbed his hand and told him she 'wanted to sleep with me,' he said.

The suit adds that the



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socialite said 'she was attracted to him and wanted to engage in a sexual relationship with him'.

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She told him 'she was having marital problems and... that her husband was sexually inept,' court papers allege.

'I want you more involved with me. I can make it a lot easier for you, Wes,' she said, according to the lawsuit.

After he denied her advances, Mrs Bluhdorn allegedly got angry with him and started criticising his work.

He claims he was fired in July 2009 after he complained about her behaviour to the manager of the estate.

Mr Atrope said: 'Sometimes, people think that having money gives you the right to treat people the way you like.'



Problems? Court papers state that Paul and Paige Bluhdorn were having marital issues

His lawyer, Neil Greenberg, added: 'Nobody should be fired for bringing the employer's bad behavior to the attention of management. We're not going to allow that to happen.'

The suit is the third filed against the wealthy couple by employees. Their former chauffeur claimed the pair owed him \$250,000 in overtime payments and an employment agency sued them over a \$25,000 hiring fee they never received.

The Bluhdorns could not be reached for comment.

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