

Post editor files lawsuit over firing

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A NEW YORK POST editor sacked after complaining that a cartoon likened President Obama to a monkey sued the paper yesterday, claiming rampant racism and sexism in the newsroom.

Sandra Guzman charges she was wrongfully fired in September because she asked management to apologize for running a racist cartoon.

"They fired me because I stood up to them," Guzman told the Daily News.

The Post has previously denied she was fired in retaliation for her complaints.

A spokeswoman for the paper said yesterday that Guzman was let go because the Tempo magazine she edited was shut down due to a decline in ad sales.

Guzman charged the February cartoon was "part of a concerted effort" to undermine the President.

Guzman did not cite the amount of money she wants for "severe mental anguish" and loss of income. "The Post is going to have to defend this racist cartoon in a court of law," said her lawyer, Ken Thompson of Thompson Wigdor & Gilly, who filed the suit in Manhattan Federal Court.

The Post took a lot of heat in February for a Sean Delonas cartoon depicting two cops shooting a crazed chimp — like one that had just attacked a Connecticut woman — with the caption: "They'll have to find someone else to write the next stimulus bill."

Post owner Rupert Murdoch eventually issued a rare apology to offended readers.

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