



BOB'S SEX ACCUSERS NAME THEIR PRICE

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Will Bob Barker's legal nightmares ever end? The Price Is Right emcee - who has been sued in no less than nine lawsuits by female employees over his 30-year tenure on the highly rated game show - has just settled two suits that were slapped against him by former staffers.

Last September, model Claudia Jordan and production assistant Linda Riegert sued the 77-year-old TV legend and three other show execs for sexual harassment, racial discrimination and wrongful termination. The besieged Barker managed to avoid going to court by settling the suits in late July. Barker wanted to vindicate himself; he could have opted out of settlements and gone to court to prove his innocence - but he always balked at getting his lawsuits dismissed," said Nick Alden, the attorney who represented Jordan and Riegert.

In June 2004 The National Enquirer reported that Jordan -

Game show
pays off two
more women
who claimed
harassment

who was fired in October 2003 after three years on the program - was about to sue Barker and three other staffers. "The Price Is Right was the worst work atmosphere I've ever experienced," said Jordan, 32. She said Barker fired her because she had complained to producers about racial and sexual comments on set.

"You are the butt model, I can fire your ass," one producer kept telling me. And I was also always told to stand between two Caucasian mod-

els to do a 'reverse Oreo,'" Jordan said. "Bob was absolutely the boss from hell."

Barker's publicist Henri Bollinger confirmed Jordan and Riegert's lawsuits were settled, but added, "Bob was not directly involved, was not privy to any of the settlement discussions and did not pay any of the legal fees. He was named in the lawsuit, but was not part of the settlement."

Attorney Alden said: "Bob Barker

always plays smart-ass, saying his name is not on the settlement. But the settlement automatically releases him from further legal action, so he's a huge part of it."

Barker still faces wrongful termination suits filed by show model Holly Hallstrom and production assistant Linda Riegert. Hallstrom is waiting for a court date and Riegert is scheduled to go to arbitration next year.

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Beauty
Claudia
Jordan with
presenter
Bob. Top,
with
another
accuser,
Holly
Hallstrom,
center, in
the 70s