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# BOB BARKER FACES ANOTHER SEXUAL HARASSMENT SUIT

■ *'The Price Is Right' model Claudia Jordan says show host was the boss from hell*

**B**OB BARKER is being slapped with a lawsuit from a "Price Is Right" employee — again! Claudia Jordan, who worked as a model on the show for three years, is suing the 80-year-old emcee for sexual harassment, creating a hostile working environment and wrongful termination.

And the suit comes on the eve of Barker's triumphant induction into the Television Arts & Sciences Hall of Fame. "Bob was the boss from hell!" Claudia, 31, told *The ENQUIRER*.

## OUT OF LINE

"His sexual gestures and remarks were non-stop, his demeaning remarks were totally out of line — and when I complained to the producers about it, he fired me."

"The Price Is Right" was the worst work atmosphere I've ever experienced. Bob would slither up behind me and grab my butt, and say something loud like, 'Wow, nice butt — you're our butt model, Claudia.'

"He's almost three times older than I am. How could he have the audacity to be like me? And why can't he be more careful? He's been sued before for sexual harassment, but he



**CLAUDIA** isn't the only employee to complain about Barker's behavior — models Holly Hallstrom and Dian Parkinson filed suit against him years ago.

just doesn't learn his lesson. "During production meetings, he'd always make sexual jokes such as, 'Why don't we make Claudia's new wardrobe her birthday suit?' It was so demeaning as an employee to have to listen to remarks like that day after day.

"After I complained to the producers, he had it

in for me. He'd constantly threaten to fire me, then say sarcastically, 'Oh, am I now going to get in trouble again?'

"I was sick all the time because of the stress.

"After three years on the show — and no complaints about my performance on-camera — he fired me. If you speak out

against Bob, he'll make sure you're out of there fast, even though he's clearly in the wrong."

## LEGAL IMPASSE

Claudia's lawyer Nick Alden, who said he's filing the lawsuit in mid-June, confirmed to *The ENQUIRER*: "Our negotiations with Mr. Barker came to an impasse, so we have no choice but to go to court."

Barker, who's in his 32nd year as host of CBS' highest-rated daytime game show, has been sued numerous times by employees.

In 2000, after he fired three longtime employees — Sherrel Paris, an executive assistant, Sharon Friem, an editorial consultant, and production assistant Linda Riegert — they all retaliated by suing him for wrongful termination.

Sherrel claimed Barker fired her because she refused to give false testimony in a lawsuit lodged against him by former "Price" model Holly Hallstrom.

Holly claimed he fired her in 1995 for gaining weight due to a prescription medication. She also charged that Barker pressured her to give false

testimony in a sexual harassment lawsuit brought against him by former "Price" model Dian Parkinson.

Linda claims she too was fired for refusing to lie for him in her deposition in the Hallstrom case. And Sharon says she was dismissed after repeatedly refusing Barker's sexual advances.

Barker settled Sherrel and Sharon's cases out of court, and Holly and Linda are still awaiting court dates.

"It's been nine years that I've been trying to get Barker into court, but he's able to pay lawyers who use every possible tactic to keep him from going before a jury," Holly told *The ENQUIRER*.

## HATEFUL OLD MAN

"Barker's a spiteful, vindictive, hateful old man!"

In spite of his many legal problems, Barker — who has won 16 Emmy awards — will be inducted into the Television Hall of Fame on June 26.

Holly quipped: "Bob Barker belongs in the Hall of Fame for being the television personality with the most lawsuits filed against him!"

— ROBIN MIZRAHI



**BARKER'S BEAUTIES:** Nikki Ziering, Bob, Claudia Jordan and Heather Kozar pose for the show in 2001.



**BOB** has hosted the popular game show for 32 years — and has been the target of numerous lawsuits from employees.

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