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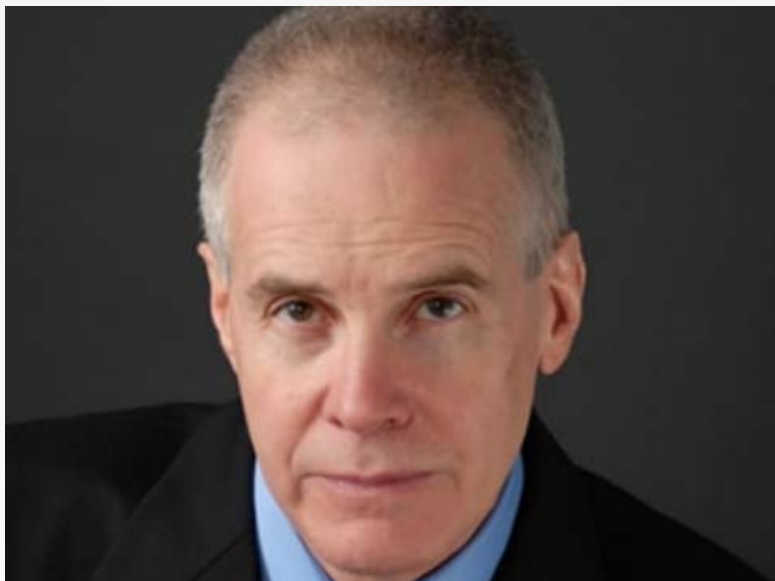
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Manhattan attorney Roy Den Hollander claimed that Ladies' Night promotional events discriminated against men in a recent lawsuit. (www.roydenhollander.com)

By Olivia Scheck

DNainfo Reporter/Producer

MANHATTAN — A Manhattan lawyer may take his fight against "Ladies' Night" club promotions all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, if he can get the increasingly female bench to accept it, that is.


The Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit rejected Roy Den Hollander's lawsuit, which claims that Ladies' Nights violate men's rights under the Equal Protection Act, [on Wednesday](#).


Now, the self-proclaimed "anti-feminist" attorney says he wants to take it to the U.S. Supreme Court.

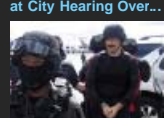
But Hollander harbors serious doubts that the highest court in the land will be willing to hear his case about discounted nightclub admissions rates for women on Ladies Night.

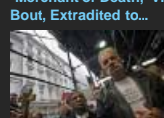


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Hollander said he could think of at least two justices who would probably decline to hear it. The lawyer named Justice Sonia Sotomayor and referred to "the other one... She just got onto the Supreme Court. I forget her name. Kagan or something."

Four justices would have to agree, in order for it to be accepted.

While the issue may seem frivolous to some, Hollander said it has to do with an "ideological corruption" that has been foisted upon the justice system by the "feminist special interests."

According to this ideology, "It's ok to discriminate against guys, but it's not ok to discriminate against women or against people of certain colors or national origins," Hollander explained.

Hollander has also filed lawsuits challenging sections of the Violence Against Women Act and Columbia University's decision to offer courses in women's studies but not corresponding courses about men's studies, both of which have been thrown out.

Since beginning this string of anti-feminist lawsuits in 2007, Hollander said his "clientele has dried up" and he's been "virtually pink listed" by potential legal employers.

Unable to find work as a lawyer, the attorney said he's turning to acting, earning \$100 a day as a movie extra.

Explaining his decision to get involved in the anti-feminist cause, Hollander cited "PMS" or "persecuted male syndrome."

He claims he was first slighted by the female side of the race when his ex-wife — a woman he said he'd met in Russia and helped migrate to America as his wife — turned out to have been the former mistress of a Chechen warlord. When he divorced her, he claims she got preferential treatment in the court. (Short of sources in Chechnya, DNainfo could not verify the validity of his first statement. Hollander did not provide evidence of the second statement.)

"I don't like people violating my rights," Hollander told DNainfo.

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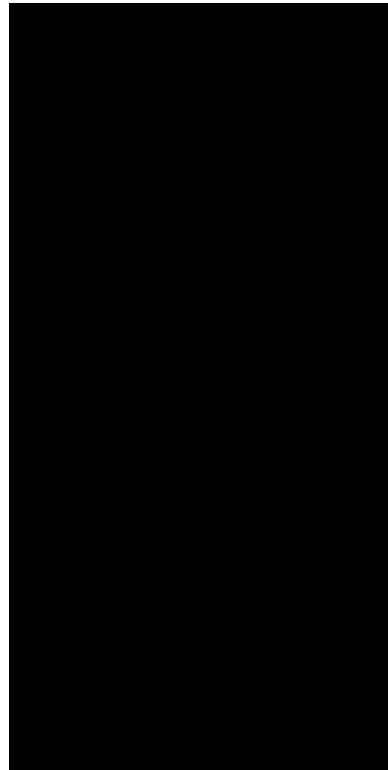
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Mr. Hollander is so intelligent to do this. Everybody knows that if you want to know if something is unfair in this regard, then just reverse the gender in the matter. If you walked into a diner and a sign read "Men Eat Free" on Tuesdays, then women would be filing lawsuits all over the place. Diners allow kids to eat free and bars allow women to drink free or half price; therefore we all know it is discrimination. To say that women get paid less for doing the SAME WORK is a lie. If that were true, then, then the EEOC would have a line to fill out complaint forms for about 1,000 miles long...it's false. Further, if bars have to coerce women to come, then that just means they don't want to be there anyway. I applaud Mr. Hollander; and I boo the other posters on this discussion who knock him. Go Roy, you rock!!!
a | October 2, 2010

This attorney strikes me as the kind of guy who has little or no control over the women in his life. Hope I am wrong. But I would like to ask if any of you "guys" have considered the fact that women still are not paid the same as men for the same work. We should be getting breaks in our lives from somewhere if you won't give us the same wage or salary. We should counter sue for some equal rights also. Also, giving us ladies a break on price brings us in and also the guys. Drop the suit. It is clogging the court system.
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I would love it if he can strike down the VAWA on Constitutional grounds. It is a 4 billion dollar rapist subsidy. The return on investment of YOUR 4 billion in tax dollars, goes to the fed processing workplace rape cases thru the fed system...more than 147,000 cases per year according to the DOJ. 500,000 according to the OVAW. I am sure the government is not letting corporations rape women at the Title VII "cap" of 300,000. A workplace rape case in "arbitration" can be worth a few million to the federal government. A woman is worth more raped on her job, than the taxes they extract from her pay, so women have to be careful not to walk into the wrong office...you have to quit your job...and the only thing that will happen is the government gets paid on the case.... As to Ladies Night, someone tell Hollender that the reduced price is not discrimination...it is done to bring women in for the men...think of it as another male seeking sex subsidy

Beverly Prather | September 12, 2010

The previous commenter (using the Rand Paul argument against the Civil Rights Act) cites the right of a private establishment to "regulate its own business." This completely misses the point of both that law and the present situation: It is a question of discrimination, not regulation. A nightclub would not be allowed to charge different prices for blacks or Asians than it does for whites. I think Hollander has a valid constitutional point, which ought to be clarified by the Supreme Court. The ramifications are interesting: For example, can an establishment charge lower prices for children, students, or the elderly than for the general adult population?

ngagspa | September 2, 2010

He is actually guilty of what he accuses of the feminist movement's influence upon the law, that the government has the "right" to regulate "equal" admission fees to men and women. Socialist thinking (which Feminism falls under) seeks to have the government regulate business, but government has no jurisdiction in private business. Constitutional Law has to do with the regulation of GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC practices--not PRIVATE. Clubs have a right to charge whatever they want to whoever they want. (Also, under the equal protection clause, which Hollander wants to draw his argument from, a gay night club could charge more money for straight women who want to enter). A private business has the right to regulate its own business--within its borders--however it wants. The government has enumerated powers--and nowhere does it say it can regulate business.

xorezx | September 2, 2010

Perfect example of the over-letigeous american stereotype. Don't whine for a living - Mwah, that's not fair! - This man should be permanently banned from all drinking establishments since he is clearly a buzz-kill on a pandemic level.

DCCox23 | September 2, 2010

The man's no dummy, having worked in BigLaw, but surely he can find a better way in which to practice his legal knowledge--how about volunteering at Legal Aid or setting up a firm to assist the thousands of New Yorkers who are filing for bankruptcy and can't afford the high legal costs? Enough of the frivolous law suits. Bar owners know that the guys will go where there are gals, it's human nature. If there is any offense involved in "ladies' nights" it is that women are being objectified as decoys by the club proprietors. Oh no!! just gave Mr. Hollander another issue for his case. Groan.

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