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Lawyer wins appeal of fines against her

A White Plains lawyer, fined \$50 in August for an outburst in a hearing on whether she should be found in contempt of court, won an appeal yesterday of the fine and a delay in the hearing.

The Aug. 30 fine against attorney Doris Sassower was withdrawn by State Supreme Court Justice Samuel G. Fredman in White Plains who conceded he hadn't imposed it in a procedurally correct fashion.

Fredman said he learned he had imposed the fine improperly through information provided in Sassower's appeal. The judge said the fine should have been imposed in writing.

The contempt proceedings were scheduled to resume yesterday but Sassower won a delay for medical reasons. Her attorney, Barton D. Eaton, of White Plains, said Sassower was recently released from a psychiatric hospital and ordered to do no work until January. Fredman tentatively rescheduled the proceeding for Jan. 9.

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