

Appeals judge delays sentence in Sassower case

An appeals court judge yesterday temporarily delayed a fine and possible jail sentence for suspended lawyer Doris L. Sassower of White Plains.

Guy Mangano, a state Supreme Court Appellate Division justice in Brooklyn, gave Sassower and lawyer Joel Aurnou until Monday to submit arguments on Sassower's appeal of the sentence.

On Tuesday, state Supreme Court Justice Nicholas Colabella in White Plains fined Sassower \$10,250 for allegedly refusing to sign papers relating to a settlement with Aurnou's client, Kathleen C. Wolstencroft. She was once Sassower's client.

Aurnou had represented Wolstencroft in a trial against Sassower last year. The settlement was made Dec. 13 after a seven-week trial in which Wolstencroft sued to get documents involving her case.

The trial ended with Sassower agreeing to pay Wolstencroft \$700,000 and to sign the papers promising not to sue. But Sassower has refused to sign the settlement.

In a written decision, Colabella ordered Sassower to pay the \$10,250 fine to Aurnou and sign the papers by 2 p.m. yesterday or he would issue a warrant for her arrest. He wrote that she would stay in Westchester County Jail until she complied with the order.