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Nameless nut slimes Dershowitz

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ALAN Dershowitz doesn't even know Manhattan Supreme Court Administrative Judge **Stephen Crane**, but the bombastic barrister is being maliciously described as one of the jurist's biggest supporters.

A dirty trickster who doesn't like the unabashedly ambitious Crane has launched a smear campaign to make something out of the fact that Crane gave a nice job to Dershowitz's sister-in-law, **Marilyn Dershowitz**, wife of Alan's brother **Nathan Dershowitz**.

Marilyn was law clerk to Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Lewis Friedman until the brilliant judge's untimely death last year.

Crane recently appointed Marilyn Dershowitz a Special Referee, a coveted plum almost akin to being a full-fledged judge, "without even publicly listing the opening and interviewing other more senior and qualified applicants at 60 Centre Street," states an anony-

mous letter PAGE SIX received.

Crane, who has been touted as a likely candidate for the Appellate Division, First Department, is now a front-runner for a Federal judgeship through the recommendation of **Sen. Pat Moynihan**.

"And guess who has been putting his shoulder to the Crane effort to become a Federal judge? None other than ubiquitous Harvard Law professor and Clinton butt-boy Alan Dershowitz," our correspondent says.

The only hitch is, it isn't true.

A spokeswoman for Crane dismissed the idea of a quid pro quo as "ludicrous" and said Marilyn Dershowitz was "highly qualified."

Alan Dershowitz told us: "The name [Stephen Crane] doesn't mean anything to me. I'm not involved in New York politics at all."

Nathan Dershowitz said his wife "got the appointment because she was a spectacular

law clerk. She has worked her butt off. Somebody took two and two and came up with 85. Marilyn's reputation shouldn't be sullied because she's married to me."

Nathan said his brother has "no influence with Pat Moynihan — zero." He characterized the allegation as "idiotic."

Crane's career will probably be impacted more by his decisions than by any political connections. And observers say his future dimmed with his recent ruling helping topless bars.

The judge ruled that such establishments can't be closed down under the Giuliani Administration's anti-sex zoning laws because they aren't strictly adults-only. Minors, presumably older teenagers, are allowed into mammary meccas if accompanied by a parent. So now the City Council has to rewrite the legislation.

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