

## DNC Gay Disc. Trial Marches On, Judge Looking at “defamatory” Dean



Things aren't looking good for the DNC. Judge Jeanette Clark this week rejected the party organ's plea for a summary judgment in [Donald Hitchcock's](#) discrimination lawsuit.

Hitchcock, you'll remember, filed the suit after the DNC sacked him as their gay outreach officer. The politico alleges that Chairman Howard Dean and company were retaliating against him and his boyfriend, Paul Yandura, who wrote a very public letter blasting the DNC's gay politics and for using gays as an ATM. The DNC denies these claims and hoped Clark would put the issue to bed. But, alas, she will not.

And what's more, Clark's taking a hard look at Dean and DNC treasurer Andy Tobias, both of whom have been [accused](#) of making defamatory statements about Hitchcock.

When asked about Hitchcock in September of 2006, Dean remarked to [In Magazine](#), "I'm not going to comment on anybody's firing except to say that it had nothing to do with retribution or anything like that. It was simply a job performance matter."

In May of that same year, Tobias allegedly - and anonymously - told the [Washington Blade](#) that Hitchcock was not "fit for the job" and had been considering the move for months. Then, in February of 2007, the treasurer sent a letter to [Americablog](#) in which he, according to some people, intimated that Hitchcock hadn't done enough to raise money for the party. Insiders tell us that both men swore under oath that they had never seen Hitchcock's personnel records.

Hitchcock and the DNC will hold mediations on July 31st.

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