'Boom & Broom' Lawsuit

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A pair of cocktail waitresses fell short of the racy Boom Boom Room nightclub's standards - about five inches too short.

In papers filed in Manhattan Supreme Court, Faye Rex and Stephanie Jaggers say they were canned from their jobs at the Standard Hotel bar because they weren't tall or thin enough.

"They're beautiful women in their own right, but they're not the runway model stick figures they've decided to solely employ as waitresses," said their lawyer, **Richard Roth**.

Rex, 24, and Jaggers, 27, had both been working at the Meatpacking District club for several months before it was redecorated this past summer - and quickly discovered they didn't fit in with the new look, the suit says.

"In or about August, 2010, upon completion of its renovations," the club "made a conscious decision to remove all cocktail waitresses who were not tall, extremely slender, and extremely good looking," the suit says.

"The Boom Boom Room wanted only cocktail waitresses who fit into its own perception of perfection, women who appear to be willowy, svelte and statuesque runway models - none of which is a bona fide occupational qualification for a cocktail waitress."

As a result, Rex and Jaggers, who are both about 5'4, soon found themselves out of a job. The pair, who'd always received stellar work reviews, were suddenly told their work wasn't "up to par" and they were being let go.

"They subsequently learned that The Boom Boom Room was 'looking for a different look' for its cocktail waitresses," the suit says.

The suit noted that the "new look" only affected female employees - and that male employees didn't have to have model looks and physiques.

"There's no criteria for men," **Roth** said.

The suit charges the hotel with gender discrimination, and seeks over $1 million in damages.

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A hotel rep declined to comment.