

Model Carol Alt testifies in claim against ex



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Actress and model Carol Alt arrives at Manhattan federal court for a hearing in a suit against her exhusband and former New York Rangers hockey star Ron Greschner, Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2008, in New York. Alt's is seeking her share of the profits from an investment made during their marriage. (AP Photo/ Louis Lanzano)

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NEW YORK — Carol Alt had lots of good things to say about former hockey player Ron Greschner when she testified in federal court Tuesday about their 18-year marriage, but the good vibe wasn't enough to end their dispute over money earned in a business venture.

The 47-year-old actress-model recalled telling Greschner as they discussed money after separating in 1997: "My career's on the way down. Can you just be fair?"

She said she completely trusted the former New York Rangers defenseman, who handled her finances until 1999.

"I loved Ronnie always," she told Judge Colleen McMahon, who will announce her verdict in the civil case on Wednesday. "He was lovely with me. I had no reason to worry. ... He was the most important person in my adult life."

Alt, who has appeared on the cover of Sports Illustrated's swimsuit issue and on TV shows including "King of the Hill" and "The Apprentice," sued Greschner for \$1 million after seeing him in January 2007 at a Rangers game and inquiring about their joint investment in a water filtration business.

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The business had been sold 10 years earlier, though Greschner said he did not owe Alt money because profits that might have triggered a payout under their separation agreement were swallowed by taxes.

Greschner, 53, testified that he acted fairly according to the terms of their divorce settlement.

Greschner, since remarried, lives in West Palm Beach, Fla., and is raising three boys, aged 6, 8, and 12, and two girls, aged 3 and 5. He did not have any children with Alt, who lives in Manhattan.

Outside court, he said he holds season tickets to Rangers games and likes to take his children along, though he is kept busy in Florida with several businesses related to real estate and a sports memorabilia company.

He said he's feeling the effects of his age after suffering at least four concussions as a player and breaking six ribs doing work around his house two years ago.

"I'm 53 going on 78," he said.

Alt has appeared on hundreds of magazine covers since the 1980s, including the 1982 Sports Illustrated swimsuit edition. Her movies include Howard Stern's "Private Parts."

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