

# GALL'S IN HIS COURT

## Poser's lawyer act

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This phony lawyer has some real gall.

Nathaniel McLeon, 66, who's awaiting trial in Brooklyn and Queens on charges of impersonating a lawyer, has allegedly been doing it for years in Manhattan — and just recently showed up in a courtroom there with a client, *The Post* has learned.

"He's a serial lawyer," said his adversary — an actual attorney — in the Manhattan Supreme Court case, Lauren Raysor. "He's making a mockery of the legal system."

McLeon, who pleaded guilty to grand larceny and practicing law without a license in Manhattan in 1993, showed up on July 16 at 60 Centre St., where he was "representing" a tenant board that's been fighting with a shareholder for control of a Harlem building.

The shareholder, Queen Mother Dr. Delois Blakely, was angry with the board for taking out a \$650,000 loan on the low-income building — a loan McLeon arranged while "acting" as their attorney in 2007, court papers say.

It was unclear what happened to the cash.

McLeon's July appearance came to an abrupt end when Raysor asked him whether he was the same Nathaniel McLeon who was charged with posing as a lawyer and scamming clients in Brooklyn and Queens.

McLeon admitted he was — "then he skedaddled," Raysor said.

Judge Milton Tingling has since thrown out every lawsuit, motion and response McLeon filed in the court fight.

McLeon had a court date in Queens three days later — as a defendant. He's charged with bilking an estate there out of more than \$250,000 by posing as a lawyer to "help" the executor sell assets.

He's also expected to stand trial in Brooklyn in September on charges he tried to pose as a lawyer and sell a Bedford-Stuyvesant property he didn't have the rights to.

McLeon's lawyer, Lawrence Fredella, said his client has pleaded not guilty in both cases. Fredella portrayed the disappearing Queens trust fund as an innocent mistake, saying the money was accidentally put in the wrong place and would be repaid.

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