

After years of living in husband's trash heap, wife says: That's enough!

DUMPED!



WIFE:
Samira Wahba



HUSBAND:
Mohamed Wahba



LAWYER:
Susan Lask

DUMPSTER-DIVING hubby has turned his home into a landfill over the last ten years.

BY CARLA CHADICK

THE WIFE of a dumpster-diving professor is suing for divorce because — she charges — her hubby turned their house into a landfill. Samira Wahba, 63, says that for more than 10 years her wacky husband, Mohamed, routinely dragged various and sundry refuse into their Long Island, New York, condo. Finally, his obsession got to be too much for her, and she fled her home in disgust and hired high-powered attorney Susan Chana Lask to represent her in divorce proceedings. Besides turning their home into a junkyard, Samira claims her 70-year-old spouse cussed at her whenever she begged him to clean up his act.

As the pile of trash grew and grew, the exasperated wife concluded that her husband had lost his marbles.

"I stood by this man as his mental illness progressed," she says. "He was un-

able to do the simplest of tasks, as he was more obsessed with collecting debris until it got out of control."

The angry wife claims her garbage-grubbing spouse also made them live in poverty, although he made \$100,000 a year as a business professor at Hofstra University until his retirement last month.

An adjunct professor at Hofstra, Samira says she's been paying the bills for both of them for years from her \$9,000 annual salary. Now she's head-over-heels in debt, and her hubby refuses to pay up — he's too busy fondling his treasure trove of discarded clothes and busted TV sets.

"He forms a bond with his trash and fears losing it," Samira claims. "I could no longer bear living with this man who forced me to live in a dumpster, dictated my life, my finances and my job."

Mohamed's lawyer, Leonard Ross, says his zany client is a physically sick man who

suffers from liver damage, hepatitis C, brain seizures, hypertension and diabetes. But although he's infirmed, Ross says Mohamed is willing to support his estranged wife.

"My client is very willing to provide her what she is entitled to and let her live in a house he owns," Ross says.

The lawyer also claims that Samira is overstating her debt troubles, because she sold a piece of property worth \$60,000 after she left her husband nine months ago.

"She never shows where that money went," Ross says.



I say!

"I'm from Canada, so Thanksgiving to me is just Thursday with more food. And I'm thankful for that."

— comic actor Howie Mandel