

State appeals court to review Sassower jail ruling

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Suspended White Plains lawyer Doris L. Sassower, facing jail if she failed to comply with a settlement reached with a former client, won a reprieve yesterday from a state appeals court in Brooklyn.

The decision put on hold

Tuesday's ruling by Westchester County Judge Nicholas Colabella, who had ordered Sassower jailed if she failed to turn over documents sought by her former client, Kathleen C. Wolstencroft, by 2 p.m. yesterday.

The state Appellate Division is expected to review motions from both sides on Feb. 21.

Yesterday's ruling affected only Colabella's order to jail Sassower, said Raymond Powers, a law clerk for Colabella. The court did not overturn his order that she pay Wolstencroft \$700,000 under a Dec. 13, 1991, settlement after a seven-week trial in which Wolstencroft sued to get documents in her case.