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Wins Court Suit

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Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis won her long court battle against self-styled "paparazzo" Ron Galella yesterday.

A federal judge in New York issued a permanent injunction barring the ubiquitous free-lance photographer from coming within 50 yards of the former First Lady and 75 yards of her children.

In a 130-page decision ordering Galella to keep his distance from Mrs. Onassis, his favorite target, U.S. District Judge Irving Ben Cooper also found the photographer guilty of two counts of civil contempt of court for violating similar but temporary restrictions issued last October.

Judge Cooper, who presided at a 23-day nonjury trial said a fine would be imposed at a later hearing. He dismissed a \$1.3-million suit by Galella, who claims he has taken and sold thousands of photos of Mrs. Onassis and her family. He claimed Secret Service

agents had harassed him and prevented his earning a livelihood.

In granting the permanent injunction sought by both Mrs. Onassis and the federal government, which claimed he interfered with the ability of Secret Service agents to guard Caroline and John Kennedy Jr., Mrs. Onassis' children, the judge said that Galella "was like a shadow."

"Everywhere she went, he followed her and engaged in offensive conduct; nothing was sacred to him whether defendant went to church, funeral services, theater, school, restaurant or aboard a yacht in a foreign land.

"While plaintiff denies so deporting himself, his admissions clearly spell out his harassment of her and her children," the judge wrote.

Under the court ruling, Galella is also forbidden to

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approach within 100 yards of the Onassis' Fifth Avenue apartment or within 100 yards of her children's schools. The injunction further bars him from any attempt to communicate with her or the children and "commercially appropriating" her photographs of her for advertising or trade purposes without Mrs. Onassis' consent.

In her suit, Mrs. Onassis said Galella stalked her in such plush restaurants as the 21 Club, bumped Caroline on one occasion and knocked her over a trash can, and endangered John in Fifth Avenue traffic by jumping out from behind a wall to snap him as he left Central Park on his bicycle.

Mrs. Onassis originally asked \$1.5 million damages for invasion of privacy. During the trial which ended March 23, she dropped the damage claim, and asked that Galella be ordered to stay at least 100 yards away from her at all times.

Galella's attorney, Alfred S. Julien, said yesterday's decision would be appealed.