

CONDÉ NAST CHIEF'S WIFE FILES FOR DIVORCE IN DADE

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Talk of Our Town

Condé Nast Publications president and CEO Charles **Townsend** and wife **Kerry Whitaker-Townsend** have homes in New York City; Hilton Head, S.C.; Middleton, R.I.; Stratton, Vt., and Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo -- but she picked Miami-Dade County in which to file divorce papers.

Whitaker-Townsend, 54, separated from her 63-year-old hubby and living at their Florida Keys getaway, hired Miami lawyers Maurice Kutner and Kathryn DeVane Hamilton. **Whitaker-Townsend** is a Florida resident and as such, can file anywhere in the state.

Whitaker-Townsend once worked for Family Circle magazine, as national beauty and style consultant. **Townsend** was publisher and president of Family Circle, then owned by The New York Times Co. He later got promoted to CEO of The Times Co.'s women's magazine publishing division.

They began living together in 1990, she says in court papers. She "devoted herself to supporting [his] career by hostessing and attending his many business and social obligations" and, since their 1995 marriage, has "dedicated herself to the decorating, management, and maintenance of the parties' five homes."

At **Condé Nast**, he runs a "multimillion-dollar company" -- and they lived lavishly, she says. They traveled extensively and had use of a private jet. They own several boats, including an 80-foot Burger yacht. In their 10-car fleet is a Rolls-Royce, '55 T-bird, Porsche, Lexus, Mercedes-Benz and two BMWs.

They belong to South Carolina Yacht Club in Hilton Head; Carnegie Abbey Club in Portsmouth, R.I.; Norwalk Yacht Club in South Norwalk, Ct., and Ocean Reef. **Townsend** is also commodore of New York Yacht Club.

"Given the disparity of the parties' incomes, [he] should be required to pay . . . alimony in an amount that will ensure that she will maintain a lifestyle commensurate with that established during the marriage," her petition says.

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The Cayman Islands draw more than two million tourists -- mostly cruise ship passengers -- annually. And, there is a year-round population of around 47,000. "A very literate island community that wants cultural programs," Kaplan says.

He hired Gables architect Peter Blitstein to design the 5,000-square-foot space, with floor-to-ceiling bookshelves, wood floors and rolling ladders.

Blitstein also did Kaplan's Bal Harbour store.

Kaplan, who hosts hundreds of authors, figures it will be easy to lure them to the island store. The flight from Miami is just over an hour.

Town Centre will also include shops, movies, restaurants, offices and residences.