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With Paula Froelich
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Looks familiar

DASHING defense lawyer **Joe Tacopina**, who's made his name representing high-profile clients

like publishing guru **Judith Regan** and **Abner Louima** cop **Thomas Wiese**, is copping an eyeful of himself on TV. Script writers for CBS's legal drama "The Guardian" confess they

used Tacopina's courtroom charms as the model for their slick lawyer Clay Simms, played by **Mark Kiely**. "I looked Joe up on the Internet," Kiely tells PAGE SIX. "He's a classic alpha male — knows no fear." Tacopina is flattered by the attention but says, "When do I get my check?"