

# **ROD'S EX TO SUE SURGEON WHO BOOBED.**

## **My breast op went wrong claims Alana**

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**POP star Rod Stewart's ex-wife Alana has launched a multi-million dollar legal battle - claiming her breast-boosting op went wrong.**

The 48-year-old former Hollywood actress had her boobs enlarged 11 years ago months before Rod left her and moved in with model Kelly Emberg.

Now she is suing the surgeon, claiming negligence, deceit and intentional infliction of emotional distress. Her court case in Los Angeles also alleges breach of warranty against two medical companies.

Alana's action comes as 12,000 women in the US are suing over breast implants

that have gone awry.

Many say that their health has been devastated.

### **Painful**

She has not revealed what went wrong with her implants but common complaints include leaking silicone and hardened, painful lumps.

Some women claim they developed rheumatoid arthritis.

It has become such a scandal that two years ago US government watchdogs banned the use of silicone in breast implants.

One firm Alana is suing Bristol-Myers Squibb is among three US cosmetic surgery suppliers who have put aside a record ,2.8 billion to settle lawsuits.

Alana wed Rod in April 1979 but filed for divorce five years later, just four months after her breast op.

She was among many Hollywood stars to

have implants, including Melanie Griffith, Mariel Hemingway, Jane Fonda, Cher, Loni Anderson and Heather Locklear.

### **Divorce**

Friends say she had it done with Rod's approval but it did not help to keep the marriage together.

Alana, mother of their children Kimberly, now 15, and Sean, 14, is said to have won a ,3 million divorce settlement plus ,15,000 a month child support from Rod.

She also has a son Ashley, 19, from her four year marriage to actor George Hamilton.

Alana, now one of Hollywood's fashionable hostesses, has since dated Rambo star Sylvester Stallone, producer Stan Dragosi and Texas oil millionaire Jim Randall.

## **QUESTIONS**

1. What company is Alana suing?
2. What are the most common complaints when the operation goes wrong?
3. How old is Alana?
4. How much did she get after her divorce?
5. How many children has she got?
6. What other Hollywood actresses are mentioned in the text?
7. Who has Alana been going out with after her divorce?
8. Who was Alana married to before Rod?
9. Vocabulary: fashionable, hostess, leaking, breast.
10. What is your opinion about breast operations? Explain your ideas.