

GREEN ON HIS KNEES Sir Philip Green in new battle to save retail empire as he hires Kevin Spacey's lawyer to fight US groping charges

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As a key vote on his Arcadia Group's future was adjourned, it emerged [the tycoon has hired sex assault suspect Kevin Spacey's lawyer to fight his own groping charges in the US](#).



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Green's drastic restructuring of Arcadia will pave the way for nearly 50 store closures at brands including Topshop and Miss Selfridge.

But after a knife-edge vote by creditors where some of the proposals were rejected, [Arcadia adjourned the meeting until next week](#).

While the delay leaves the future of the firm hanging, it also gives bosses more time to thrash out a deal with retail landlords such as Intu, M&G and Landsec. Green was yesterday said to have called some to beg for support as the vote went to the wire.

The Sun can also reveal that Green, 67, is being represented by LA-based attorney Alan Jackson after he was [charged with assaulting a pilates instructor in Arizona](#).

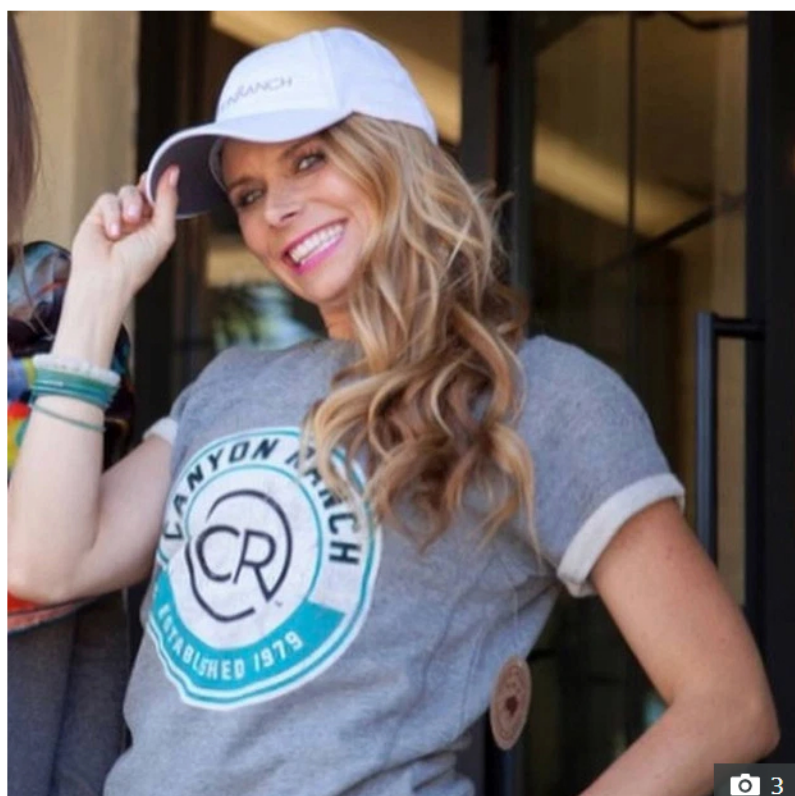
Mr Jackson, 53, successfully prosecuted music mogul Phil Spector, now 79, for murder a decade ago.

His most recent case has been representing Oscar-winner Spacey, 59, during which he has aggressively gone after the alleged victim.

Officials at Arizona's Pima County Attorney's Office, which is prosecuting Green, confirmed Mr Jackson will defend him.

He is alleged to have groped a woman at a Canyon Ranch spa in Tucson.

A spokesman for Green said he "denies any inappropriate misconduct".



Katie Surridge, 37, has made allegations against the tycoon Credit: Refer to Caption