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Here's 'The Rules' for dating the President

Had Monica Lewinsky been a "Rules" girl, she might not have found herself in such a mess. And "The Rules I & II" authors Ellen Fein and Sherrie Schneider would like to make something perfectly clear: The ex-White House intern is "absolutely not a 'Rules' girl."

If she were a follower of their retro approach to dating in the '90s, well, then she would not have showed up at those political rallies. ("Better to let him come to your receptions," Fein explains.) Lewinsky also "wouldn't have saved the dress or T-shirt," because, hey, "he's just not that important to you."

Bottom line, according to Fein, is Lewinsky appeared "too available." Rules girls never call and they certainly don't visit. Well, Monica may have blown it with the Prez, but The Rules Girls do offer up their advice to intern-al hopefuls.



"The Rules" authors Ellen Fein (left), and Sherrie Schneider. AP

1 He must see your studio apartment three times before you see the Oval Office.

2 Act nonchalant when he tells you what he does for a living.

3 Turn him down once in a while. Remember, you

are busier than he is — even if he is in peace talks with Saddam Hussein.

4 Date others in the administration unless he brings up exclusivity.

5 Don't tell him what to do — even if you majored

in Political Science.

6 No phone sex for more than 10 minutes.

7 Stop seeing him if he doesn't take you on Air Force One afterdating him for three months.

8 Don't move into the

Lincoln Bedroom or leave your things in the White House.

9 Don't return his phone calls, even if he's calling from Bosnia.

10 Let him introduce you to the Vice President before you intro-

duce him to your college roommate.

11 Don't be a groupie — no milling around uninvited at Rose Garden receptions.

12 Let him hug you first at political rallies.

13 Don't tell your therapist that you are doing The Rules on the President — she may be wired.

14 Call your local Rules support group or call The Rules at (212) 973-0751 to book a consultation when you want to call him.

15 It's a fantasy relationship if he does not leave the First Lady for you.