



'Tipping' point at Les Halles

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No tip for you.

Workers at celebrity chef Anthony Bourdain's famed Les Halles have filed a class action suit against the French brasserie, claiming managers took tips and wages from servers and busboys.

Les Halles, which has a Murray Hill branch and a downtown outpost on John Street, forced service employees to pool their tips for divvying but then doled out 26 percent of them to floor managers, according to papers filed in Manhattan Supreme Court this month.

Managers are not entitled to tips if they didn't assist in slinging the \$64 *Cote de Boeuf* for two or talking up the *quiche du jour*, attorney Jeffrey Goldman told The Post.

"It's wrong for managers to share in the tip pool," said Goldman, who seeks to represent more than 100 people who worked at the eatery over the past six years.

Les Halles also paid servers less than minimum wage, the suit claims.

Bourdain, executive chef-at-large for Les Halles, was shocked by the allegations:

"In my experiences at Les Halles, management was, if anything, unusually scrupulous about these things."