

# EXCLUSIVE: Hulk Hogan is back in court with his ex-wife fighting her claims he 'cooked the books' and 'hid' millions from her, including smackdown \$115M payout from Gawker over sex tape

- Linda Bollea 'Hogan' divorced Hulk Hogan, real name Terry Gene Bollea, after 23 years of marriage when an alleged mistress went public in 2008
- Bollea claims she has been dragged through the courts in a protracted nine-year legal battle with her ex who she claims has 'hidden' millions of dollars from her
- The divorcee says she's had to fight Hogan, 65, to get what was agreed upon ever since, as the two head back in court on Thursday to duke it out
- Bollea told DailyMailTV in an exclusive statement: 'I have received nothing but frivolous legal battles meant to harass and drain any monies I received upfront'
- She added: 'He's hidden money, transferred and diverted money, switched trademarks, cooked the books, everything he could to make sure I get as little as possible from the brand I helped him build and turn into a global success'
- In the divorce, Hogan agreed to give Bollea 70 percent of their liquid assets plus properties worth \$3m and 40 percent of any future revenues in his businesses
- Bollea is trying to claim a slice of Hogan's \$115m payout from his case against Gawker after it published a sex tape of him and Heather Clem, bankrupting site

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Hulk Hogan's ex-wife has spoken of her agony at being dragged through the courts in a protracted nine-year legal battle with the famed wrestler who she claims has 'hidden' millions of dollars from her and drowned her in litigation so he can duck out of payments.

Linda Bollea, 59, divorced the pro wrestler, real name Terry Gene Bollea, after 23 years of marriage when an alleged mistress went public in 2008.

The divorcee says she's had to fight Hogan, 65, to get what was agreed upon ever since, as Hogan is taking Bollea back to court on Thursday in his sixth attempt to block his ex from seeing the books on Intellectual Property that she half owns,

'It has been nine years since our divorce and I have received nothing but frivolous legal battles meant to harass and drain any monies I received upfront from our original divorce agreement,' Bollea told DailyMailTV in an exclusive statement.

'He's hidden money, transferred and diverted money, switched trademarks, cooked the books, everything he could to make sure I get as little as possible from the brand I helped him build and turn into a global success.'

The couple split when Hogan's daughter's friend, Christiane Plante, gave an interview to the National Enquirer claiming she had an affair with the retired pro wrestler while his family were shooting VH1 reality show Hogan Knows Best.

In a bitter divorce settlement hashed out over a year, Hogan agreed to give Bollea 70 percent of the couple's liquid assets plus properties worth \$3 million, but only 40 percent of any future revenues in his businesses.

Bollea claims that from the moment the agreement was signed, the wrestling champion has tried to duck out of paying his dues.

'I gave up certain rights at the time we divorced in exchange for what was agreed in the settlement agreement, and my ex has done everything possible to even wriggle out of that,' she said.

'The fight I brought to grow our brand is the same fight I am bringing to get what is rightfully mine. He may have bought some time, but he can't buy justice.'

One of the divorcee's biggest claims is to a slice of Hogan's payout from his court case against Gawker, which was bankrupted by the suit and is now being reconstructed by Bustle Media Group.

In 2012 the site published a sex tape of Hogan and Heather Clem, the estranged wife of radio personality Bubba the Love Sponge.

In the video, Bubba tells Hogan and his wife they can 'do their thing' while he is in his office. After the tryst, the radio presenter can be heard telling Clem: 'If we ever need to retire, here is our ticket'.

Hogan sued the site for invading his privacy and was awarded \$115 million by the court, forcing Gawker to shut down.

Boella and her lawyer, Miami-based attorney Raymond Rafool, claim that because Hogan won his compensation over the damage to his celebrity image which she helped create, the wrestler's ex is entitled to a chunk of the massive payout.

'He's actually started collecting money from the Gawker lawsuit, which we say is ours as well, because we own what we developed during the marriage,' Rafool told DailyMailTV. 'He doesn't own his own image. He owns 60 percent of the income of the image.'

'It's always a shell game. He's always trying to hide and take money from Linda and he never gives her any credit for anything that she ever did.'

Rafool says he is unperturbed by Hogan's attempts to overpower his ex in the courtroom, claiming Hogan often pits four or five lawyers against Boella's attorney, and has tied up cash in legal appeals and 'frivolous' lawsuits.

'Hogan's tactic is to try to outspend, out-litigate. He should know better. I'm not going anywhere. Linda's not going anywhere,' the attorney said. 'We were successful before, during the divorce, after the divorce. And we'll be successful again. These tactics are absolutely old as dirt, but not effective. Not with us.'

The attorney is currently collecting documents from Hogan's legal team to prepare for a legal bid for a portion of the multi-million Gawker payout.

Boella, though resolute, says the decade-long legal war of attrition has taken a toll on her family.

'His serial legal game playing is worse than his serial cheating. Trying to keep what we had left of a family that he destroyed has been impossible,' she said.

'In his attempt to humiliate and control this ex-wife and children, he has only made us stronger.

'I should have known his integrity and commitment in our Marriage Settlement Agreement would have been no different than our wedding vows. Thank God for the wheels of justice. Let them roll.'

Despite past scandals, the former heavyweight wrestling champion has seen an upturn in his fortunes this year after being reinstated to the WWE Hall of Fame in July.

Hogan was dropped from the wrestling federation and had all ties cut in 2015 when it emerged that his sex tapes also included a racist rant.

In the tirade caught on camera, Hogan repeatedly used the n-word and expressed disgust at the idea of his daughter being with a black man.

The wrestler admitted to being a 'racist, to a point'.

More racist slurs were revealed from a 2008 recorded telephone conversation with his then-imprisoned son, Nick, who had pleaded no contest to felony reckless driving charges.

Hogan later apologized, saying he used 'language that is offensive and inconsistent with my own beliefs'.

Three years after the revelations, Hogan has been welcomed back into the WWE fold, and appeared again on wrestling TV for the first time in November last year.