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Hulk Hogan and Linda Bollea settle terms in divorce

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Hogan and Bollea were married for 24 years before filing for divorce in November of 2007.

After nearly two years of outlandish accusations and bitter battles, [Hulk Hogan](#) and his wife, [Linda Bollea](#), settled their divorce Tuesday morning.

"The war is over," Bollea told [The Tampa Tribune](#) after a hearing in downtown [Clearwater, Fla.](#) "I still love him. He's the father of my children."

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A sign that their relationship was taking a turn for the better occurred when Bollea, 49, entered the courtroom and gave her estranged husband a kiss on the cheek.

Hogan, whose real name is Terry Bollea, mirrored his wife's gesture with sentimental words.

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"When you're married to someone for 23 years ... you hope for the best," said Hogan, 55. "We just got torn apart."

The exes' new public relationship is a far cry from the childish behavior both sides have shown over the past 18 months.

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Not only did Bollea accuse her husband of trying to hide millions of dollars in assets, she also claimed he stalked her. Bollea also placed a photo in the divorce file of Hogan lifting his crutches in the air at a public event, implying he had overstated a temporary disability.

Meanwhile, Hogan went to court to try to prevent Bollea's young boyfriend from driving any of the family vehicles. And in an attempt to lower his \$40,000-a-month temporary alimony payments, Hogan's lawyers put witnesses on the stand who said Bollea was using the money for drugs.

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But after the brief hearing Tuesday morning, Hogan and Bollea expressed their love for one another.

"Hulk is looking forward to moving on with his life and is very hopeful that he and Linda can maintain a friendship and work together as parents to their two children," said the wrestler's rep.

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Bollea also issued a statement: "My husband took the big step of stopping this escalating war by making the decision to put this behind us. I am grateful to him for realizing that our family can be happier and stronger by working together. He and I both love our family dearly and look forward to working together to make it stronger than it has ever been. My family means the world to me."

Hogan and Bollea were married for 24 years before filing for divorce in November 2007. They have two children: daughter [Brooke Hogan](#), 21, and 19-year-old son Nick.

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