

Randy Couture sued on eve of UFC 91 Brock Lesnar Fight

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Randy Couture is expected to head to the octagon this weekend in UFC 91 against Brock Lesnar but will the former Ultimate Fighting Champion have something else on his mind? A lawsuit was filed in Las Vegas court today by event production company TOAST of New York against the mixed martial arts star. The suit claims that Couture failed to pay TOAST approximately \$125,000 for an event hosted by his organization, Xtreme Couture GI Foundation. Terry Coffing, the attorney representing Toast of New York, said Couture has only paid \$50,000 of his \$175,000 bill.

Besides being sued by TOAST, Couture's wife Kim won a restraining order against Affliction Inc. clothing company owner Todd Eugene Beard this week. The Couture's T-shirt business partner allegedly made threats and tried to intimidate Kim.

"My fear of Mr. Beard is well-founded given his extensive criminal history. Not only has he been convicted of numerous state and federal felonies relating to fraud ...he has engaged in numerous acts of violence, including violence against women."

Kim Couture also asked the judge to prohibit Beard from attending a UFC bout featuring Randy Couture this Saturday at the MGM Grand Garden arena. Sportsbook.com has Couture a +110 underdog in UFC 91 against the former WWE Champion turned mixed martial arts fighter Brock Lesnar.

"I had to move my camp a couple hours away up in northern Minnesota," Lesnar said. "We're out in the back woods for about eight and a half or nine weeks, kind of away from the outside world. All we had was Randy Couture fights and Randy Couture books to read … so we got to know Randy pretty well."

The last time Randy Couture fought in the octagon was over a year ago and while the former champion continued to train hard at the gym, its very plausible these "out of the ring" distractions could prove costly against Lesnar. Point-Spreads.com recommends taking the focused Brock Lesnar at -140 odds with Sportsbook.com.