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## Longoria Partner in Beso files Motion in Bankruptcy Court

Mali Nachum, one of Eva Longoria's partners in the restaurant Beso in Las Vegas is seeking legal action against Beso's move to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, which she described as 'fatally flawed'. Nachum's contention is that Beso LLC does not have the authority to file for Chapter 11 protection.

Nachum also filed a lawsuit against Longoria for violating California usury law. According to her, in 2009 she borrowed \$1 million from Longoria under a financing agreement that called for the Desperate Housewives actress to receive repayment at 8% annual interest and a large stake in the Eve nightclub. However, Nachum said she realized last year that these terms violated California state usury laws.

Nachum and her husband Ronen Nachum were also partners with Longoria in Eve, the nightclub adjacent to Beso. According to her, shortly after

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Beso's opening in December 2009, she and another investor took over the operations of the restaurant and nightclub.

Being personally inexperienced in the restaurant and nightclub business, Mali Nachum and the other investor worked 'tirelessly' to familiarize themselves. But despite their hard work, according to Nachum after some time, they began to hear 'grumblings' against her and her husband's involvement. This led to a call to a meeting in Beso in which they were told they were henceforth barred from entering Beso, Eve and their corporate offices.

Mali Nachum contends that as a partner in the company, she was entitled to have a say in her own exclusion from Beso LLC and its bankruptcy filing. Nachum also alleges that the bankruptcy filing was done to avert facing a pending lawsuit. In June, the Nachums filed their own suit against Beso, Longoria and another partner to get access to the company's documents and records in order to defend themselves against the actions taken against them. Mali Nachum reiterates that it is wrong for the company to use bankruptcy to protect themselves from this issue.

On February 16, the bankruptcy court in Las Vegas will decide on the status of Beso's bankruptcy filing.

In Nachum's motion against Beso's bankruptcy proceedings, she is seeking damages of at least \$4 million.

Longoria's publicist issued a statement calling Nachum's lawsuit 'meritless'.

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