

Manhattan attorney sued by ex-girlfriend for \$1.2M over abuse, threats

Samir Tabar, 41, a Manhattan attorney, is being sued for \$1.2 million by his ex-girlfriend, Angela Kovalesky, over allegations of abuse including threatening her with a knife.

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An attorney at a Manhattan white-shoe law firm terrorized his beautiful ex-girlfriend — even threatening her with a knife — after she dumped him, according to a lawsuit filed Wednesday.

Angela Kovalesky, of Brooklyn, says Samir Tabar, 41, hounded her since their breakup last year, harassing her and sending abusive texts, the \$1.2 million lawsuit in Manhattan Supreme Court says.

“There are some people in this world you just do your best not to cross,” he allegedly told her in one text message.

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The on-and-off romance started in December 2010 and was fraught with abusive incidents by Tabar, the suit says.



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When Tabar, a Columbia University and Oxford graduate, “began threatening and physically assaulting her on an almost daily basis,” she ended it last February, her suit says. Tabar, an associate at Schulte Roth & Zabel, grabbed a kitchen knife and “threatened to use it,” the suit says. He pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct and she got a two-year court order of protection.

A lawyer for Tabar blasted Kovalesky’s lawsuit as being filled with “half truths and outlandish claims.”

Lawyer Jeremy Saland said Kovalesky was outraged that Tabar was seeing another woman and “stalked him” to Bali where he and his new girlfriend were vacationing.

“Ms. Kovalesky demanded that he leave his future fiancé and pay Ms. Kovalesky one million dollars,” Saland said. “If he did not, Ms. Kovalesky promised to ‘destroy him’ and that is what she is now wrongfully attempting to do.