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The Britney Spears saga continues - while she's on tour. On Tuesday afternoon, 8 lawyers appeared at downtown's L.A. Superior Court to discuss just how threatened and harassed - or not - the pop star actually is.

Brit's side wants to cement restraining orders against her forme BFF, Sam Lutfi and her wannabe attorney, Jon Eardley, arguing that the pair are "predators who patently threatened and extorted her through emails," says lawyer for the conservators Joel Boxer.

Lutfi, who has famously called himself Britney's manager, says he and Eardley have been nothing more than good samaritans who wanted to help someone who couldn't help herself.

Testimony shows that Sam slipped Britney a cell phone through his sister, and that she texted the pop star 45 times, despite Sam signing an agreement last July to stay away from Britney.

"Mr. Lutfi is a very, very, very busy man, and at the end of the day what does he do? He sues her for millions of dollars," says Boxer. Boxer wants Eardley to leave his client alone as well, telling the judge he needs to, "go be a good samaritan or a Don Quixote to another damsel in distress."

Then there's Sam's lawyer, Bryan Freedman, who says Britney never suffered the level of harassment and emotional stress which would require a restraining order. "Sam sent 10 text messages to

her hairdresser," Freedman says. "None of which were directed to Britney Spears. Not one had a curse word or used vulgar language or had a threat in it."

He adds, "In fact, Britney called Sam and was crying out for help, asking for a cell phone and asking for a lawyer."

Yikes! And all that was before the closing arguments, which were cut short due to time. The whole thing will pick up again on April 28. Oh Britney, you never fail to amuse.