

Liza aide is singing a lawsuit

LIFE APPARENTLY was no cabaret for Liza Minnelli's longtime personal assistant.

M'Hammed Soumayah, 58, is suing the diva for "money damages arising from personal injuries," according to court records.

"He basically did everything for her," said his attorney, Harvey Mars, who declined to discuss the suit.

Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Barbara Kapnick took the unusual step yesterday of sealing the case file at Mars' request.

She set a hearing for later this month to decide whether the file case should remain sealed, according to court records.

Minnelli's estranged husband, David Gest, sued her for \$10 million last year, claiming she used him as a punching bag whenever she was drunk.

Soumayah, who also served as a bodyguard/chauffeur for Minnelli, has worked for her for about 10 years.

Minnelli's lawyer, Dorothy Weber, declined to comment.

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