

Celebrity News: Wendy Williams Talks Celebrity Mom Kelly Rutherford Losing Custody Battle & Appeal!



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Today, the one and only Wendy Williams sent the CupidsPulse.com team another SHOUT OUT, asking for our readers opinion on the final ruling in celebrity mom Kelly Rutherford's custody battle with ex-husband, Daniel Giersch.

As many of you know from watching this intense celebrity news and gossip play out over the past six years, the celebrity couple divorced in 2010, just four years after they met. The international custody battle has been going on ever since.

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The six year battle has finally come to an end for the moment and not in Rutherford's favor, even after she was said to have spent \$1.5 million on legal fees. Rutherford's ex-husband, Giersch has been awarded full custody of their two children, six-year-old Helena and nine-year-old, Hermes. The celebrity mom will only be allowed to visit her children in Monaco or France.

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Many believe the *Gossip Girl* star's actions in August are what lost her the case. Rutherford disobeyed a Monaco court order and tried to keep her children in New York over the summer, Giersch and his lawyers accused her of child abduction and kidnapping. Watch the clip above to hear what Wendy has to say about this celebrity news and hot topic, and then share your opinion below!

At the end of the day, we find the agreement to be a little harsh. No mother should be taken away from her children unless of course she is creating harm to them.

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What do you think about celebrity mom Kelly Rutherford losing both her custody battle and appeal?

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Kelly Rutherford On Her Divorce: "The One Thing I Know Is That My Kids Are Loved and That We're Working It Out"





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Gossip Girl fans recognize Kelly Rutherford as prim and proper socialite Lily van der Woodsen, a character who captured our hearts despite her shortcomings. You could fault Lily for a number of things but being a protective parent wasn't one of them. When speaking about her character on the show, the actress says, "It was a lot of fun. She was a very different type of mother than we're used to seeing on television."

Now, Rutherford is tackling an even more challenging role in Lifetime's *A Sister's Nightmare*, which premieres this weekend. The blonde beauty plays Jane Rydert, a police officer whose life changes drastically when her older sister Cassidy (Natasha Henstridge) shows up after being released from a psychiatric hospital. Unable to convince anyone that her sister is still dangerous, Jane must protect her niece Emily (Peyton List), who she's been raising for the past 16 years.

Rutherford was initially attracted to the movie because it was "very different than what I had done before. It was nice to do something that was a big contrast to *Gossip Girl* and the character that I played for six years – to shake things up a little bit."

And, of course, the cast is always an important piece of any project. For this role, she reunited with one of her love interests on *Gossip Girl*, Matthew Settle. "It was wonderful to work together again," she exclaims. "Natasha and Peyton are incredible too. They made it very believable for me. It was really a lovely experience."

Ultimately, though, the ending hooked her. "There's this huge twist that you don't see coming. It made me really like the script," the Kentucky native shares. "It was really fun to play a character who ends up being totally different than you thought."

Naturally, being a parent herself – to six-year-old son Hermés and four-year-old daughter Helena – impacts the way she approaches each project. For Rutherford, her kids are always her priority. "I do my best to work around them," she explains. "It all goes by so fast that you don't have time for guilt. When I'm with my kids, I want to be totally present. And when I'm working, I want to know that my kids are attended to and happy."

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It's no surprise that motherhood has changed the single mom. "I learn something new every day. I want to be a better example for my children. It's a different type of pressure to be a good person when you have little eyes looking up at you!" she says with a laugh.

Part of being the best mother she can be is going with the flow. "As a parent, you realize that every day brings new things." This summer brought a lot of fun for the family of three. "I asked my kids what they wanted to do, and they said, 'We just want to be with you.' So that's what we did! We went to the Hamptons for a few weekends. We did everything we love to do in New York City too: go to the museums, ride scooters

in the park. They took swimming and piano lessons. My daughter took ballet and French classes.”

Unfortunately, Rutherford has been dealing with some more serious problems. In June, she filed for bankruptcy due to financial problems stemming from her lengthy custody battle with Daniel Giersch. Her ex-husband, who resides in Monaco, was barred from returning to the United States – which means that Rutherford must travel back and forth to see her children.

“It’s not always easy, that’s for sure,” she says of her divorce. “The biggest thing is to stay positive when you talk about the other parent. You have to be honest; you don’t want to lie, but you want to say it in a way so it doesn’t have an edge. My kids really pick up on whether I’m okay emotionally. As long as I’m okay, they’re okay. If I lose it, who do they have to look to for strength?”

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The actress adds, “When they have questions, I sit down and answer them. I try to be as kind and respectful of them as possible. I let them know that I don’t always know either, that I’m figuring it out too. The one thing I do know is that they’re loved and that we’re working it out. I encourage them to just enjoy every moment, whether they’re with me or their dad.”

Rutherford applies this philosophy to her own life as well. After a relaxing but busy summer, she’s ready to step back into a role on primetime and is excited to be joining the cast of *Reckless*, a show premiering on CBS this fall.

Plus, she’s considering expanding her work as an activist for custody issues into a book. “A few people are encouraging me, but I don’t know if it’s the right time yet. I’m just waiting to see how things play out.” One thing’s for sure: We’ll be cheering for her every step of the way!

You can catch Rutherford on *A Sister's Nightmare* on Lifetime on Saturday, September 7th at 8 p.m. ET. You can also follow her on her personal site, <http://www.kellyrutherford.com/> or [Twitter](#) @KellyRutherford/ and www.facebook.com/thekellyrutherford?fref=ts!

'Gossip Girl' Star Kelly Rutherford Gets a Court Date for Marital Battles



It looks like another long celebrity breakup is finally winding down. Two years after their split in 2010, *Gossip Girl*'s Kelly Rutherford and ex-husband Daniel Giersch have set a court date for July 12 in order to finalize their divorce. [E!](#)

[Online](#) reports that the major issue of this trial is custody of their two children. Though the two had previously decided on joint custody, Rutherford later issued a restraining order against Giersch after claiming he threatened her nanny and affected her parenting.

What are some ways to solve relationship issues out of court?

Cupid's Advice:

Even the best relationships have their occasional problems. The difference between successful relationships and unsuccessful ones is how these issues are handled. Before spending time, money and energy to find solutions in court, consider the following tips:

1. Talk to your partner: Communication is the simplest way to solve relationship problems. If you talk to your partner and address your issues early on, they won't grow into the sort of major disputes that need to be handled in court. Plus, building openness in your relationship will help prevent new problems from developing.

2. Go to counseling: Before taking legal action, consider talking to a marriage counselor or going to couples therapy. Getting an expert's opinion can give you the answers you need to bring the romance back. Even better, it can give you a sense of where your relationship should be headed.

3. Bring in a third party: If you're unwilling to take your relationship to counseling, try starting by talking to a close friend. Find a person who's willing to listen and consider both sides of your issues and have them help you find a solution. Even if you can't come up with an answer, you'll feel better knowing your problems have been shared.

How do you handle relationship problems? Tell us below!