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Schiller said.

A nasty legal battle between the homegrown TV production studio **Five Star Entertainment** and its partner has ended quietly.

In September, Boca Raton-based Five Star Productions and its founder, **Scott Woolley**, sued **02 Media** of Pompano Beach, as well as 02 principals **Gerald Czarnecki** and **Mark Alfieri**. In 2008, the companies created a joint venture dubbed **BrandStar Entertainment** to expand the reach of Five Star's signature show, *The Balancing Act*, which airs on the **Lifetime** cable TV station.

But in his lawsuit, Woolley alleges that 02 and BrandStar subsequently stripped the Five Star studio of equipment and personnel, plus never paid Woolley money he claims he was owed. Woolley's Palm Beach County Circuit Court lawsuit alleged fraud, breach of contract and conversion.

Now the two sides say they've suddenly resolved their differences and have settled the litigation. Maybe it's the upcoming holiday season. Maybe money changed hands. Or maybe both sides just decided to sit down and talk.

Alas, we'll never know because both sides are keeping mum. "I can confirm the case has been amicably settled," said **Ken Lipman**, Woolley's attorney. Lipman didn't elaborate. In a November letter to Alfieri and Czarnecki, Woolley also struck a conciliatory note and attributed the dispute to "misunderstandings and differences of interpretation. ... I am gratified that we collectively resolved these issues."

Czarnecki confirmed the dispute has been settled and noted that 02 Media now owns 100 percent of BrandStar, with Woolley no longer a partner in the venture.

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