

Laura Hill's Deposition

ROLAND PRINCE, Plaintiff v. PAUL WESTON, PH.D. Defendant

Q. So you are still struggling with the same issues now, as you were under Dr. Weston's care. How can you possibly characterize your treatment with him as successful?

A. Look, I have a new therapist now... so I have some frame of reference. She's saying all the right things, but she's not reaching me. If Paul hadn't ever moved away...if he was here, I know things would be different.

Q. But you had already ended therapy with Dr. Weston well before he moved away. So I am confused, how exactly were you two connected outside of the doctor-patient relationship?

A. We were done with therapy, yes. We said our goodbyes... he hugged me. And then I left treatment. After Alex's death, he called me... to make sure I was ok. Paul's like that... very caring and compassionate.

Q. I'd say so. A hug? Isn't that inappropriate behavior for a therapist?

A. There was nothing inappropriate about the hug. We were just saying goodbye.

Q. Only, it wasn't goodbye. You said he called you... Did you ever talk about your intimate relationship with Alex in session with Dr. Weston?

A. Yes.

Q. That must have tortured him. Don't you think?

A. I don't think so. Paul must have listened to things like that all day.

Q. But not from you. Don't you think that hearing intimate details of your sex life would make Dr. Weston jealous?

A. Why would he be jealous? Paul never expressed any feelings for me physically.

Q. Except for an inappropriate hug.

A. I never said it was inappropriate. Maybe it was just his way of leaving the door open for further treatment in case I wanted it.

Q. But immediately upon Alex's request to terminate treatment, Dr. Weston agreed. Why was he so quick to say goodbye to Alex, but it was so difficult to let you go?

A. Two patients... one therapist... something had to give, someone had to go, and it wasn't going to be me.

Q. So if Paul was going to keep you, then he had to get rid of Alex. This sounds like a love triangle. Were you sleeping with both men?