

Legally Blonde Script

[Legally Blonde Courtroom Scene](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uvrHS7KdZ64) (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uvrHS7KdZ64)

In this clip, Elle Woods, who is a law student, defends Brooke Windham who is accused of killing her husband. Elle is going to question the witness, Chutney Windham, who is the victim's daughter and Brooke's stepdaughter.

Bailiff: Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Witness: I do.

Bailiff: Be seated.

Judge: Ms. Woods, you may begin your questioning.

Elle (defense attorney): First of all, I would like to point out that not only is there no proof in this case but there is a complete lack of *mens rea* (breaking the law on purpose), which by definition tells us there can be no crime without a vicious will.

Judge: I am aware of the meaning of *mens rea*. What I'm unaware of is why you're giving me a vocabulary lesson when you should be questioning your witness.

Elle: Yes, Your Honor. Miss Windham, when you arrived back at the house, was your father there?

Witness: Not that I saw, but like I said, I went straight upstairs to take a shower.

Elle: And when you came downstairs, what happened?

Witness: I saw Brooke standing over his body drenched in his blood.

Elle: But Mrs. Windham didn't have a gun?

Witness: No. She'd stashed it by then.

David (2nd defense lawyer): I move to strike that from the record. Your Honor. It's speculation.

Judge: So stricken. Go ahead.

Elle: Miss Windham, did you hear a shot fired?

Witness: No. I was in the shower.

Elle: So, sometime in the 20 minutes that you were in the shower, your father was shot.

Witness: I guess.

Elle: Your father was shot while you were in the shower, but you didn't hear the shot because . . . because you were in the shower?

Witness: Yes, I was washing my hair.

3rd lawyer (defense): Where is she going with this?

2nd lawyer (defense): Have a little faith, Gerard.

Elle: Miss Windham, what had you done earlier that day?

Witness: I got up, got a latte, went to the gym, got a perm, and came home.

Elle: . . . where you got in the shower?

Judge: I believe the witness has made it clear that she was in the shower.

Elle: Yes, Your Honor. Miss Windham, had you ever gotten a perm before? How many would you say?

Witness: Two a year since I was 12. You do the math.

Elle: A girl in my sorority, Tracy Marcinko, got a perm once. We all tried to talk her out of it. Curls weren't a good look for her. She didn't have your bone structure. . . But, thankfully, that same day, she entered the Beta Delta Pi wet t-shirt contest, where she was completely hosed down from head to toe.

Prosecutor: Objection! Why is this relevant?

Elle: I have a point. I promise.

Judge: Then *make it*.

Elle: Yes, ma'am. Chutney, why were Tracy Marcinko's curls ruined when she got hosed down?

Witness: Because they got wet?

Elle: Exactly. Isn't it the first cardinal rule of perm maintenance that you're forbidden to wet your hair for at least 24 hours after getting a perm at the risk of deactivating the ammonium thioglycolate? And wouldn't somebody who's had, say, 30 perms in their life be well aware of this rule? And if, in fact, you weren't washing your hair as I suspect, because your curls are still intact. Wouldn't you have heard the gunshot? And if, in fact, you had heard the gunshot, Brooke Windham wouldn't have had time to hide the gun before you got downstairs, which would mean you would have had to have found Mrs. Windham with a gun in her hand to make your story plausible. Isn't that right?

Witness: She's my age! Did she tell you that? How would you feel if your father married someone who was your age?

Elle: You, however, had time to hide the gun . . . after you shot your father.

Witness: I didn't mean to shoot him. I thought it was you walking through the door!

Judge:...Order! Order! . . . Order! Bailiff, take the witness into custody where she will be charged for the murder of Heyworth Windham. In the matter of The State vs. Brooke Windham, this case is dismissed. Mrs. Windham, you are free to go.

Defendant: Thank you! Thank you!