

" BETH MATTHEWS "

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FADE IN:

4 INT. LAW OFFICES - DAY

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Marlene, the hero, walks with Schmidt. Lewiston and Denise join them, overly excited.

LEWISTON

So it's true? Martin Scorsese was your ace in the hole.

SCHMIDT

She was brilliant, Paul. I know we don't like to say clients were guilty, but this guy was guilty. And she got him off.

MARLENE

(political modesty)

Oh. See ya, guys.

Marlene peels off, as does Lewiston. Then--

DENISE

Um, Shirley. However I say this, it will sound petty. But the whole First Amendment thing was my idea.

SCHMIDT

Sounds like you. But, Denise, she made it to the elevator first.

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35 INT. BRAD'S OFFICE - DAY

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Brad is in with Beth.

BETH

It's a nightmare.

BRAD

It is. But we've got a case.

BETH

Thank God.

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BRAD

Hannah had a very compelling motive for giving Ryan the pills. I'm almost positive I can plead this out.

BETH

She told you she gave him the pills?

BRAD

Yes, but I believe she was trying to help Ryan. I think she can convince the D.A. too.

Beth is very troubled.

BETH

If she pleads guilty, will she get probation?

BRAD

No. She will probably do some time in a juvenile facility. Maybe a year.

BETH

That will kill her! She's a sick girl, Brad.

BRAD

I'll get the best deal I can, but I'm certain it will include some jail time. A kid died, Beth.

BETH

What if she says she didn't do it?

BRAD

But she did do it.

BETH

(quickly)

There were other kids at the party. That one, Jason, has a prior drug conviction. If Hannah just keeps her mouth shut...

BRAD

What the hell are you asking me to do?

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BETH

I'm asking you to do what's best for your niece.

BRAD

What's best for her is to tell the truth and get this behind her and go on with her life.

BETH

No, what's best for her is to stay out of jail.

BRAD

I'm not going to try to pin this on some other kid when I know Hannah did it!

A beat. Beth looks at Brad coldly.

BETH

Then I'm getting another lawyer.

OFF this, we:

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CUT TO:

36 INT. LAW OFFICES - DAY

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Denise is walking, Marlene catches up with her.

MARLENE

(political friendly)

Hi, Denise:

DENISE

(fake friendly)

Hi, Marlene.

MARLENE

You know those girls were right. We do make a pretty good team. I like the way we bounce ideas off each other.

DENISE

Well, you know what they say. You can't beat an idea whose time has come. And your time is coming.

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