

SO MUCH BETTER LEGALLY BLONDE

- MUSIC AND LYRICS: Laurence O'Keefe Nell Benjamin and Heather Hach
- TYPE: Modern Musical Theatre
- YEAR: 2009
- CHARACTER: Elle Woods

SYNOPSIS:

Legally Blonde tells the story of Elle Woods, a sorority girl who enrolls at Harvard Law School to win back her ex-boyfriend Warner. She discovers how her knowledge of the law can help others, and successfully defends exercise queen Brooke Wyndham in a murder trial.

The girls of UCLA's sorority Delta Nu, celebrate the engagement of Warner Huntington III to blonde sorority president, Elle Woods. ("Omigod You Guys"). Elle goes to dinner with Warner, where he tells her that he needs someone more "Serious" and breaks up with her. Elle is devastated ("Daughter of Delta Nu") but decides to chase Warner to Harvard Law School to show him that she can be serious.

Elle's snobby classmates disapprove of her attire, and so does the only person who is willing to help her is law teaching assistant, Emmett Forrest ("The Harvard Variations"). At a salon, Elle is tempted to turn brunette to get more respect. Vivienne (Warner's new girlfriend) gives Elle an unexpected invitation to a costume party. Elle goes off with a costume for the party, her positivity and blonde hair still intact. ("Ireland" (Reprise)). Walking into the party as a Playboy bunny, Elle soon realizes that she was tricked by Vivienne but courageously seeks Warner in an effort to win him back, leaving him unimpressed ("Serious" (Reprise)). Elle meets Emmett who has Elle assess her priorities until she realizes it is her obsession with Warner that keeps her from earning his respect. Freed from her need to please Warner, she defeats Warner in a classroom debate ("Chip on My Shoulder"). **Warner and Vivienne win two of Callahan's (the professor) coveted internship positions, and Warner proposes to Vivienne on the spot right in front of Elle. Before Elle's heart can break, Emmett shows her the internship list. Below the names of Vivienne, Warner, and classmate Enid Hoopes is the name Elle Woods, at which she is ecstatic ("So Much Better").**

There is a fitness mogul called Brooke Wyndham ("Whipped into Shape"). Brooke's stepdaughter, Chutney, is accusing Brooke of murdering Brooke's much older husband. Callahan and the interns visit Brooke in jail, but are unable to extract an alibi from her, until she is alone with Elle and reveals she was getting liposuction on the day of the murder ("Delta Nu Nu Nu").

Back at the Hair Affair, Elle is getting a manicure when Kyle, the sexy new UPS delivery man, walks in. Paulette is stunned, but she is too shy to talk to him. The sorority girls tell Paulette to use the "Bend and Snap" on Kyle, but when she does, she accidentally breaks his nose ("Bend and Snap").

Brooke's pool boy, Nikos Argitakos, claims to be Brooke's lover. Brooke denies it, and Elle believes her. Elle tries the "Bend and Snap" twice, in front of Nikos and gets no response. She concludes that he is gay, and she is right. Later in Callahan's office after dismissing Emmett and the other interns, Callahan forcibly kisses Elle, who slaps him. In turn, Callahan fires her. A defeated Elle prepares to go home, even though Emmett asks her to stay, finally realizing that he is in love with her ("Legally Blonde").

Elle heads to the Hair Affair to say goodbye to Paulette, but before she can leave, Vivienne convinces Elle otherwise ("Legally Blonde Remix"). Elle discards her lawyerly navy suits, dons a pink dress and leads a parade back to the courtroom. Back at the trial, Brooke fires Callahan and hires Elle. Chutney goes to the witness stand and her testimony is damning, but Elle triumphs by revealing Chutney's lie with her knowledge of hair maintenance ("Omigod You Guys" (Reprise)). Chutney accidentally confesses that she was the one who killed her father. Warner proposes to her, having been dumped by Vivienne. Elle gently refuses, claiming to have been changed by the experience ("Find My Way".) Three years later, Elle ends up as the valedictorian of her class. Paulette tells the audience that Enid practices family law, Vivienne is training for the Peace Corps, and Warner pursues a modeling career. Callahan ran for governor but was defeated, and his wife hired Emmett to handle their divorce. Paulette married Kyle, had two kids, and is pregnant with a third. They live in Worcester, Massachusetts and Paulette bought a new salon. At the end of the graduation, Elle proposes to Emmett, and Emmett accepts ("Finale").