

Excerpt from
Philadelphia
(1993)

Opening Scene: In a courtroom with an attorney, played by Denzel Washington, addressing the jury.

“Andrew Beckett was fired. You will hear two explanations for why he was fired – ours and theirs. It’s up to you to sift through layer upon layer of truth until you determine for yourselves which version sounds the most true. There are certain points that I must prove to you. Point number one: Andrew Beckett was – is, a brilliant lawyer. Great lawyer. Point number two: Andrew Beckett, afflicted with a debilitating disease – maybe understandable, personal. He had the legal choice to keep the fact of his illness to himself. Point number three: His employees discovered his illness, and ladies and gentlemen, the illness that I am referring to is AIDS. Point number four: They panicked.”

Montage of the last days of Andrew Beckett’s life with “Remember Philadelphia” playing in the background.

Final Scene: A dying Andrew Beckett removes his oxygen mask and says to Banderas’s character, “Miguel – I’m ready.”