

If Therapist Said Affair Would Prevent Divorce, Would You Cheat?

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Divorce statistics throughout the nation are grim, Arizona not excluded from the less than optimism-inspiring divorce rate. Marriage trends have made the dependence on experts such as counselors, therapists and psychologists growingly popular. It can take a lot of courage and trust to make the decision to seek professional help in order to avoid [divorce](#). That is why a current lawsuit filed by a couple against their former couples counselor is so intriguing.

The couple, still married, accuses the former counselor of advising the husband to participate in behavior damaging to their relationship. The husband, 38, claims the counselor consistently encouraged him to venture outside of his marriage to get the sexual satisfaction he was missing at home. He says the counselor talked about his wife in a derogatory way, making him feel crazy to stay in the relationship and justified to cheat.

If the counselor's intention was to get his client to cheat, he succeeded. The affair led to difficulties in the marriage and pushed them to nearly [divorce](#). Shouldn't the counselor's intention have been to prevent that from happening? That is the couple's argument, and they are suing him for nearly destroying their marriage when he was being paid to strengthen the union.

The lawsuit alleges that the couples counselor irresponsibly manipulated his client into acting against his marriage. The husband and wife are each asking for \$4 million in damages.

Perhaps their case will be helped by another one of the counselor's former clients who has come forward. She makes similar allegations against him, supporting the couple's story that the couples counselor in fact does push his clients toward infidelity.

What is left to be determined is how attorneys will argue and the legal system will view liability in this case. Can a third party actually be held responsible for the actions of others? Is this couple trying to place blame outside of their marriage in order to distract themselves from their own damaging behaviors?

We will keep you posted on the progress of this case and try to address those questions as more details unfold.

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