

AC

Genre: Legal Thriller / Crime Drama

Tone: Grounded, smart, tense, emotionally driven

Comparable DNA: The Lincoln Lawyer, Presumed Innocent, Power, Reasonable Doubt

Feature Treatment

Andre Carson (**AC**) is a disciplined, razor-sharp career JAG officer whose life is defined by structure, honor, and control. When his father suddenly passes away, AC is forced to return to **Los Angeles**, the city he left behind-and the life he thought he had outgrown. What begins as a routine trip to bury his father and manage family affairs quickly becomes an emotional reckoning with unresolved grief, strained family ties, and a past that refuses to stay buried.

While home, AC reconnects with his mother and begins uncovering layers of his father's life he never fully understood-choices, compromises, and sacrifices that quietly shaped who AC became. As AC prepares to return to duty, he receives devastating news: **Marc Knight**, his closet childhood friend and now a high-profile professional football player, has been arrested in **Atlanta, Georgia**, charged with the murder of his girlfriend-a cheerleader found dead in a luxury hotel room.

The media narrative is immediate and unforgiving. Marc is portrayed as volatile, entitled, and guilty before trial. Sponsors pull out. The league distances itself. Public opinion hardens. Despite overwhelming pressure to stay out of civilian legal matters, AC cannot ignore his instincts-or his loyalty. He knows Marc's flaws but he also knows his character.

AC takes emergency leave and heads to Atlanta, entering an unfamiliar legal battlefield where celebrity, money, race and politics intersect. Unlike the military justice system he's mastered, this world is chaotic and adversarial. Prosecutors are ambitious. Defense attorneys are compromised. Evidence is manipulated through leaks and media spin. AC uses his JAG-honed precision, investigative discipline, and courtroom strategy to quietly dismantle the prosecution's case.

As AC digs deeper, he uncovers disturbing truths about the cheerleader's private life, the hotel's internal cover-ups, and a powerful figure desperate to keep their name out of the spotlight. Each revelation places AC at personal and professional risk, threatening his career and exposing secrets tied to his own family's past.

In the final act, AC orchestrates a strategic legal an evidentiary reversal that exposes the real chain of events behind the murder. Marc is cleared-not by luck but by truth forced into the light. The case leaves AC forever changed. He

returns to Los Angeles to close out his father's affairs, realizing that justice isn't just about rules-it's about courage, sacrifice, and standing firm when the cost is highest.

The film ends with AC at a crossroads: return to the safety of military law or step into a messier world where he's needed more than ever.