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## Staten Island college library boss sexually assaulted worker, lawsuit says

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A Staten Island college library was more like a sexually charged locker room than a place of quiet study, according to a new lawsuit.

Roger McSorley said he was subjected to sexual harassment, unwanted advances and a hostile work environment from his former Wagner College supervisor, according to his Staten Island Supreme Court lawsuit.

McSorley said in court papers that the inappropriate behavior from his past boss Timothy Hickey started almost immediately after he started the library job in October 2014.

Hickey allegedly peppered him with questions about his sex life, the number of times he masturbated and the sort of pornography he preferred.

McSorley, who is not gay, asked Hickey to stop and, according to the lawsuit, Hickey fired back by saying McSorley was “‘gay bashing’ when he would complain,” and that McSorley “was preventing Hickey from being himself.”

The R-rated incidents in the library allegedly included Hickey’s sudden grab for McSorley’s inner thigh and crotch, court papers said. McSorley alleges he said he was not gay, not attracted to him and didn’t want Hickey touching him like that again.

Hickey was fired from Wagner College in August, according to the suit. McSorley’s lawyer told the Staten Island Advance his client still works for the college. McSorley claims he was blocked from filing complaints with Wagner’s Human Resources Department. A College spokesman said he couldn’t comment on pending litigation or personnel matters.

McSorley’s lawyer could not be reached for comment. Hickey could not be reached for comment.