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Married HBOS executive sues for £600,000 over lap dancing trips and hotel peeping Tom

A banker is suing for more than £600,000 over claims she was sexually harassed by male colleagues for eight years.

On one occasion, Haley Tansey says a colleague tricked his way into her hotel room on a business trip and stripped naked to watch her while she slept.

The married mother-of-one was forced to quit her £39,000-a-year job with HBOS after suffering stress caused by unwanted advances, comments about her figure and the sexist culture at the bank, an employment tribunal was told.

Another colleague said he liked it when she leant over the desk because he got a 'good eyeful', while men in one office were said to watch pornography on their laptops at night during working hours.

Mrs Hansey, 39, from Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire, left HBOS last year after 17 years. She had worked her way up to a management job in the loans department.

Her claims of sexual harassment relates to an eight-year period from 1998, beginning with the bizarre bedroom incident.

She travelled widely as part of the job and her team was staying in the Thistle Hotel in Cheltenham when she allegedly spurned the advances of a married father-of-three during a late-night drink at the bar.

She then returned to her room and went to sleep.

Mrs Tansey told the hearing: 'I am not sure how long I had been asleep when I woke up with a horrible feeling that I was not alone and that I was being watched.'

She claimed she turned to see the man, who cannot be named for legal reasons, standing over her. 'I was

in a very vulnerable position as I was undressed and I couldn't get out of bed,' she said.

He told her a porter had let him in after he said he was her boyfriend and she was too drunk to open the door, the tribunal in Leeds heard.

She said he asked to lie on her bed and then, when told to leave, asked to use the bathroom, from which he emerged naked. He dressed and left only after Mrs Tansey threatened him with a high-heeled shoe.

Under cross-examination by Damian McCarthy, for the bank, Mrs Tansey faced claims that she let the man into her room after answering the door topless. The conversation was then said to have become sexual before the man left. She denied this version of events.

The tribunal heard how at another conference in Edinburgh Mrs Tansey was tricked into going to a lapdancing bar and, when she said the atmosphere 'revolted' her, 'was told not to be so puritanical'. After getting a promotion a manager complimented her ability to fulfil the role, before allegedly adding: 'Besides that she has a great pair of ****.'

She also told how her colleagues bragged about their sex lives, swapped X-rated DVDs and used a location map of the office to grade female staff on their attractiveness.