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Impeachable Witness

Whether you like “CoB gadfly” or the CoB’s “bad penny-in-residence,” or some other nickname, there’s sure to be one out there among the plethora that describe EFIB chair George Carter. But, I’ll bet there’s one that may have escaped your thinking up until now: “Impeachable Witness.” Consider what has been strung together on Carter by various reports and columns here at usmnews.net. The latest episode regarding the official faculty evaluation complaint, for example, shows that Carter will do and say anything to get the result he wants. Facts and figures, truth and honesty, none of this bothers the mission, especially when that mission is about punishing dissent and oversight.

Now combine that with what we know Carter spends a lot of his time doing: expert witness consulting for his own Mississippi Consulting Group, Inc. and/or its affiliate, Forensic Economics Corporation out of Louisiana. As part of his “consulting,” Carter provides legal reports and occasional testimony (deposition and trial). How easy must it now be, given all of the details provided here at usmnews.net, to use Carter’s own work as a CoB administrator/faculty to impeach his expertise in the deposition or on the stand? The way Carter mischaracterizes, fudges, hides, mis-states, and even libels – in his professional life in the CoB – suggests that he would likely do the same in his duties as consultant.

To wit, Carter poses a clear and present danger to the well-being of his own clients (i.e., those of MCG, Inc. and/or FEC), as well as those of his counterpart across the courtroom. Let’s go one step further. By using a USM e-mail address, a USM mailbox, and a USM office, and, more importantly, the USM name brand to associate his “private activities” with a higher “power,” Carter’s *private* activities (in addition to his public ones) also pose a clear and present danger to the University, and to the State of Mississippi. That this clear and present danger is allowed to perpetuate, and perhaps even heighten, is truly astounding.