

Editorial

“A Nightmare of False Accusation That Could Happen to You...”

Famed lawyer and Harvard professor of law, Alan M. Dershowitz, faced with allegations he had engaged in improper sexual conduct with a minor, unequivocally denied those claims both on television and the print media. A recent piece by him in [*The Wall Street Journal*](#) tells a terrifying story:

Imagine the following situation: You're a 76-year-old man, happily married for nearly 30 years, with three children and two grandchildren. You've recently retired after 50 years of teaching at Harvard Law School. You have an unblemished personal record, though your legal and political views are controversial.

Yes, Professor Dershowitz, I can imagine just that situation. In my case it wasn't claims of sex. It was overblown, false statements that I was “dangerous”. When my attorneys completed depositions, there was not a shred of evidence that I had threatened anyone by word or deed. Yet, I was held up to public ridicule. My career was destroyed, because people were not held accountable for their fabrications. Former President Martha Saunders admitted that after many years of having in her possession extensive evidence that proved the claims were false, she had never looked at it and did not know when she would bother to review it. The truth is, she never did. She chose to advance a gross injustice.