

Getting To Know Your Cob Up Close And Personal (Under Oath):

We continue “Getting to know your CoB up close and personal (under oath) ...” with untenured assistant professor Mary Anderson.



Mary Anderson, Assistant Professor, School of Accountancy and Information Systems

She has no peer when it comes to ignorance and intolerance. Consider her testimony under oath:

“A: [the professor] had all these memos on his door, you know, and I found them offensive, students would ask about them. And one night I just tore them all down.

Q: You tore them off?

A: The outside of his door, yes, I did...

Later the attorney asked,

Q: What’s that [files broken into] got to do with [the professor]?

A: And that [the professor] had done it.

Q: Your daddy [Jerold Morgan, past Department Chair of Accounting] told you that?

A: Yeah.

Q: Do you know why your daddy said that?

A: Because he found it was very hard to believe. I mean, you know, very shocking that there was not enough integrity among faculty that had been there to not get into department files, that were not really considerate.

However, when asked for any details that would substantiate her fabrication, Dr. Anderson backed away from her fairy tale and acknowledged,

A: You know that was 20 years ago. I don't remember exactly what he said..."

Dr. Anderson's falsely imputing to her deceased father, Dr. Jerold Morgan, an accusation that a colleague committed a crime 20 years ago is a display of malice and unworthy of the memory of the fine man who was her father.

Furthermore, Dr. Anderson's fit of pique tearing memos from [the professor's] door she found "offensive" is behavior that should be the subject of discipline. Instead, President Saunders found Dr. Anderson's actions and plea to terminate the tenured full professor worthy of affirming and following. However, President Saunders and Dr. Anderson act as though intolerance and ignorance are guiding principles of higher education.

Lastly, Dr. Jerold Morgan was a friend of mine and had an office across the hall from mine for some time. On more than one occasion he told me he was quite embarrassed by his daughter, Mary. Now I understand why he said it.

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