

State Ethics Commission *Reverses* Ruling on Rouse

HATTIESBURG – According to *WDAM-TV*'s Randy Swan, the Mississippi Ethics Commission has [reversed its own earlier ruling](#) from July-2012 stating that Mississippi IHL Board Commissioner Douglas Rouse [violated state ethics](#) laws by providing medical services to athletes at USM, an institution Rouse [governs via his position](#) on the IHL. Although Swan's report is scant on [the details](#) as to why the MEC has reversed itself, it does point out that Rouse and other members of his orthopedic medicine practice can now continue providing services to USM athletes, while Rouse may also continue to serve on the IHL board which governs USM and the state's seven other public universities.



Douglas Rouse

Ford Dye

Swan's report also indicates that the ruling suggests that another M.D. on the IHL Board, Ford Dye, [may continue](#) to provide medical services to student-athletes at Ole Miss, the state's flagship institution. With [cynicism surrounding USM](#) perhaps at an all-time high, sources tell USMNEWS.net that there is [likely little surprise](#) about the MEC's decision to reverse its July-2012 ruling. The fact that the reconsideration has been going on for about 100 days speaks volumes, according to sources, [about the pressure](#) the MEC has been under to reverse itself on rulings affecting Rouse and Dye.