

**How does a Q&A dialogue unfold
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Re: Mary Morgan Anderson, part 2**

Let me modify the title and substance a bit:

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Here's one of many examples from our usmnews.net's archives of how a Q&A unfolds when an attorney catches a witness lying or being or acting just plain dumb. The following testimony of Mary Morgan Anderson catches her doing all the above.

The following is the actual sworn testimony of Mary Morgan Anderson, then-untenured assistant professor, School of Accountancy, College of Business, University of Southern Mississippi, taken on June 10, 2008, in the case, *DePree v. University of Southern Mississippi*. (Q. is DePree's attorney's question directed to Anderson; A. is Anderson's response).

Q. Did you discuss Dr. DePree with Dr. Englebrecht prior to his interviewing at USM for the position of Director of Accountancy?

A. Yes.

Q. And tell us how that came about.

A. Dr. Englebrecht was my Dissertation Chair. He was -- I was his graduate assistant, you know, during the three years I was at Louisiana Tech. I was very unhappy with the culture -- I went back to school with the intention -- I had already talked to Bob Smith about teaching with a Master's degree here. And he said that AACSB had, you know, raised the bar on teaching and all, and that I needed to have the doctorate. And I went there with the intention of coming back to USM. There were a lot of problems I perceived here and I wanted to be of some help.

Q. So how were you of help by talking to Dr. Englebrecht?

A. He was, like I said, mentor, how do you deal, have you ever come across this type of situation, how do you deal with this type of situation, you know, what—

Q. What type of situation?

- A. The DePree situation.
- Q. Okay. Well, who brought up the subject of Dr. DePree first?
- A. My dad.
- Q. Your dad. What's your dad's name?
- A. Gerald Morgan. And my brother.
- Q. And who is your brother?
- A. Frankie Morgan.
- Q. And how do they happen to bring up the name of Dr. DePree?
- A. Well, daddy was the Founding Director of the School of Accounting. By the time Dr. DePree was hired, daddy had stepped down. And he -- you know, but he stayed involved I think for the next eight years. And the first mention I can remember is him coming home one day and saying that the files had been broken into and that they were going to have to put locks on them. And how sad that was and that 25 years of being Director that had never happened, but it happened.
- Q. What's that got to do with Dr. DePree?
- A. And that Dr. DePree had done it.
- Q. Your daddy told you that?
- A. Yeah.
- Q. You believed it?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Do you know why your daddy said that?
- A. Because he found it very hard to believe. I mean, you know, very shocking that there was not enough integrity among the faculty that had been there to not get into the department files, that were not really considerate.
- Q. But why did your daddy tell you that Dr. DePree did it?
- A. Because Dr. DePree did it. I mean he was told. They caught him I think,

you know, there's going to be records there.

Q. Did your daddy tell you that Dr. DePree was caught?

A. You know, that was 20 years ago. I don't remember exactly what he said, but he did say Dr. DePree did it and that's, you know, a sad commentary on youth of today.

Ignoring for the moment Mary Morgan's disjointed and incoherent testimony confusing Professor Englebrecht with her father and brother, Gerald and Frankie Morgan, let's consider her accusation. There are no records of DePree breaking into any file over twenty years ago. That's so because DePree did not break into any file. And, there are no records that support Mary Morgan's representations. Mary Morgan went too far and withdrew her claim about her father catching DePree. She was caught lying and took a position that cannot be disproven. She settled on the claim her father said "DePree did it over twenty years ago," because Gerold Morgan is dead.

Gerold Morgan had an office directly across the hall from my office when I was hired by USM. He and I joked and talked every day. He was a friend of mine. In our talks, he confided in me that his daughter, Mary [Morgan Anderson], was an embarrassment. I don't know why he told me; maybe he needed to tell someone and I listened. I now understand why he was embarrassed by his daughter, Mary. I suspect usmnews.net's readers do, too.

Don't forget Mary Morgan Anderson still works at the University and teaches our students. If you do something she doesn't like, will she claim that her long deceased father "told her" you committed some crime?