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Let me modify the title and substance a bit:

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Here’s one of many examples from usmnews.net’s archives of how a Q&A unfolds when an attorney catches a witness lying, or being or acting just plain dumb, or exhibiting “a loose screw.” The following testimony catches Stephen R. Jackson.

The following is the actual sworn testimony of Stephen R. Jackson, then-untenured associate professor, School of Accountancy, College of Business, University of Southern Mississippi, taken on July 7, 2008, in the case, *DePree v. University of Southern Mississippi*. (Q. is DePree’s attorney’s question directed to Jackson; A. is Jackson’s response).

First consider that in a letter Jackson wrote at the end of August 2007 requesting then-Interim Dean Williams and then-President Martha Saunders to fire DePree, Jackson cited the following reason to fire DePree:

“I feel we cannot move the school forward with his [DePree’s] disruptive behavior.”

Now consider the deposition and sworn testimony of Stephen R. Jackson:

Q. Did you observe anything which led you to believe that he [DePree] was having a disruptive impact on the College of Business or in the School of Accountancy?

A. No.

Jackson lied. And, he lied with the purpose of firing a colleague. In future reports of Jackson’s testimony, you will read more dishonesty.

Don’t forget that Steve Jackson still works at the University of Southern Mississippi and teaches our students. If you do something he doesn’t like, will he make up stories, or ignore or misrepresent facts, and lie to have you fired? Keep in mind, if Jackson is so cavalier with the truth, what is he capable of doing?

No one is off limits for Jackson’s miscreant behavior. An example: one of DePree’s students pulled him [DePree] over on Hwy 98 and told him what had happened to a friend and him. Jackson had offered them higher grades in DePree’s class if they would fabricate something to discredit DePree. They refused.