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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, or exhibiting “a loose screw.” The following testimony of catches Stephen R. Jackson.

The following is the actual sworn testimony of Stephen R. Jackson, then-untenured associate professor and interim director of the 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 was informed almost immediately upon my arrival in January of 2007 to not talk in the halls and to be very careful what I said in my office. I purchased a radio to turn on while meeting with other faculty to muffle the sound.”

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

- Q. Now, this purchasing a radio to turn on while meeting with other faculty, what would have been the purpose of that and I'm referring to what you wrote in your letter. It's in the third or fourth paragraph?
- A. The radio?
- Q. Yes.
- A. I was told that folks thought he [DePree] was recording conversations and so with a radio in the background recording would not be able to pick up conversations, that's what I was told.
- Q. So you thought that he was bugging offices?
- A. Not bugging, just having a tape recorder. He is only two doors down with doors open sounds carry.

Q. Did you ever see him record anything?

A. No.

Q. Did you ever ask him if he was recording anything?

A. Yes, I did, as a matter of fact.

Q. What did he say?

A. He told me it was a Blackberry and it didn't record. Yeah.

Q. But you didn't believe him or –

A. I believed him, but I bought a radio for my office.

He claimed DePree recorded conversations, but believed DePree when DePree told him he didn't record conversations. Lying and just plain dumb. Jackson lied with the purpose of firing a colleague. In future reports of Jackson's testimony, you will read more dishonesty. That's what a witness sounds like when a lawyer catches a witness lying.

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?

No one is off limits for Jackson's miscreant behavior. An example: one of DePree's students pulled him over on the Hwy 98 and told him what had just happened to him and a friend. Jackson had offered the student and his friend higher grades in DePree's class if they would say something that would discredit DePree. They refused.