

**How does a Q&A dialogue unfold
when an attorney catches a witness lying?
Re: Alvin J. Williams, part 2**

Here's one of many examples from usmnews.net's archives of how a Q&A unfolds when an attorney catches a witness lying.

The following is the actual sworn testimony of Alvin J. Williams, then-Interim Dean, College of Business, University of Southern Mississippi, taken on June 4, 2008, in the case, *DePree v. University of Southern Mississippi*. (Q. is DePree's attorney's question directed to Williams; A. is Williams' response):

Williams' letter requesting then-President Martha Saunders to fire DePree insisted that DePree's website "adds to fear and intimidation."

Q. Why are they [you and faculty] afraid of the website? ...It's the fear of the disclosure –

A. Of their conversations, their private conversations.

Q. That's the fear?

A. That would be a primary concern.

Q. Other concerns?

A. To the extent that things that appear on the website are untrue, are not based in fact or they are malicious I think people would be concerned about that.

Q. What is the -- tell me the first untrue thing that is on the website?

A. I have not read the website, so I could not respond to that.

Q. What's the first thing on there that's malicious?

A. I could not tell you that either.

Q. What was the other word that you used, not based on fact?

A. I used that phrase.

Q. What on that website is not based on fact?

A. I haven't -- I can't respond. I don't know.

Q. You have no personal knowledge?

A. No.

Q. Nobody has told you that either?

A. No.

Let's review Williams' statement in a letter requesting then-President Martha Saunders to fire DePree. In the letter Williams asserts that DePree's website is malicious, not based on fact, and the content is not true. However, when placed under oath and questioned about his letter Williams testified he never read DePree's website and nobody has told him that the website is malicious, not based in fact, or the content is not true. Simply stated, Williams wrote a letter which he knew was false. In short, he lied.

Williams' purpose was to lie about the facts so as to have something to say that would support firing DePree. He sounds stupid, too, no other word for it.

Williams got caught lying as did many of the other USM mobbers. He and they failed, but their unconscionable behavior cost USM, that is students and taxpayers, more that \$2,500,000. If students wonder why tuition continues to rise or taxpayers wonder why their taxes continue to rise without seeing improvement in USM or state services, all they need to do is review the archives at usmnews.net.

More important than the cost to students and taxpayers is the failure of accountability of Williams' misconduct. USM's attorneys, including Lee P. Gore, witnessed the lies. What should the consequence of such miscreant behavior be?

If they are not held to account, rest assured, you and others may be subject to the same misconduct. Why shouldn't they treat others the same way? After all, they didn't pay a price for their misconduct.