How does a Q&A dialogue unfold when an attorney catches a witness lying? Re: Alvin J. Williams, part 6

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.

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).

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

"Dr. DePree worked exceedingly hard to derail our attempts at AACSB accreditation. He contacted the AACSB office and made allegations about our programs and processes that were not based on facts."

Now for the deposition and sworn testimony of Alvin Williams:

- Q. You have made the statement that Marc Depree's allegations to the AACSB were not based on fact? ["Ethics, Power, and Academic Corruption" at Amazon.]
- A. That is a statement that I made.
- Q. Can you tell us how you made that determination?
- A. I don't remember getting any information that's factually based that came to my desk.
- Q. But you made a statement [in the letter to President Saunders as reason to fire DePree] that Marc's submission to AACSB were not based on facts?
- A. I did make that statement.

Williams just testified that he did not have any basis in fact to claim that DePree's statements to the AACSB were not based on facts. And yet he wrote then-President Saunders recommending to fire DePree because DePree "made allegations about our USM's College of Business] programs and processes that were not based on facts."

Williams got caught lying, again.

Williams' purpose was to lie so as to have testimony that would support firing DePree.

Williams got caught lying as did many of the other USM mobbers. He and they failed, but their disreputable behavior cost USM, that is students and taxpayers, better that \$2,500,000. If students should 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, Williams and the other mobbers, 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.

Keep in mind that Alvin Williams is employed at the University of South Alabama. If I were a student, faculty, or administrator at USA, I should be aware of Williams' tendency to lie and bear false witness.