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Chills Down Their Spines

Three former USM soccer coaches were awarded \$1.2 million in damages last week in Forrest County Circuit Court. According to Tim Doherty's [21-June-08 article](#) for *The Hattiesburg American* entitled "Ex-USM coaches awarded damages," former head soccer coach John Vincent and two assistant coaches filed a sexual harassment, sexual discrimination and lack of due process lawsuit back in 2000. The suit named USM, former USM President Horace Fleming, USM Athletics Director Richard Giannini and Senior Women's Athletics Director Sonya Varnell as defendants.

As Doherty reports, Vincent was awarded \$500,000, recoverable from Flemming, Giannini and Varnell, while the two assistant coaches, John Mollaghan and Ged O'Connor, were awarded \$376,000 and \$300,000, respectively, both recoverable from Giannini and Varnell. "We were absolutely shocked at the verdict," defendants' counsel, Lee Gore, told Doherty. Meanwhile, on the other side, plaintiffs' attorney Kim Chaze stated, "I am obviously delighted and very pleased. I am incredibly impressed how hard and how attentive this jury performed in this case."

"Absolutely shocked," or "delighted and very pleased" represent what sources tell USMNEWS.NET that several CoB defendants (and potential defendants) must be mulling over today as they discuss the recent events in Forrest County Circuit Court. Whether it's a current case in Forrest County Circuit Court or one in the United States District Court, these and other plaintiff victories dating back to Trellis Green's 1990s promotion to associate case likely has CoBers like Harold Doty, Steven Jackson, etc., and USMers like President Martha Saunders and Jay Grimes, wondering what other shoe is about to drop.

Dakhliya Can Deliver, But He Needs Some Help

From his perch atop the CoB's 2007-08 journal ranking committee, Sami Dakhliya brought home the goods for a number of EFIB faculty. Recent installments in USMNEWS.NET's *Special Report* series showed that George Carter (EFIB Chairman), Akbar Marvasti, Edward Nissan, Farhang Niroomand, John Clark, Matthew Hood, and Farooq Malik all had their research portfolios improved by upgrades that were applied to various economics, finance and other journals by the journal ranking team. The number of A- and B-level publications produced by this group, along with Dakhliya himself, rose dramatically from the work done by Dakhliya & Co.

Not examined in any of those reports are Bill Gunther and Mark Klinedinst, two EFIB faculty who consistently side with the machinations of CoB administrators. Each table below shows how the research records (from the EconLit database) for Gunther and Klinedinst rate using both the mid-1990s journal classification system developed under former CBA dean Tyrone Black and the 2008 journal classification system provided by Dakhliya's journal ranking committee. Given the lengthy academic careers of both Gunther and Klinedinst, each table covers journal publications over the previous 10 years (i.e., 1999-2008).



Bill Gunther

	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Unlisted</u>
Mid-1990s Ranking	0	0	0	0	0
2008 Ranking	0	0	0	0	0



Mark Klinedinst

	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Unlisted</u>
Mid-1990s Ranking	0	0	0	0	0
2008 Ranking	0	0	0	0	0

As the inserts above show, neither Gunther nor Klinedinst produced any journal publications over 1999-2008. Therefore, it doesn't matter whether one uses the journal classification from the mid-1990s or the one from 2008 to rate the 1999-2008 research records of either of these two EFIB faculty. Based on the results for Carter, Marvasti, Clark and all the rest, Dakhli showed he can deliver the political favors. Dakhli is not, however, a miracle worker.