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Word around campus is that Southern Miss is taking the [alleged] violations of NCAA rules more seriously than anyone is letting on. Southern Miss just put The Lightfoot Law firm on the payroll to defend it against the claims. If your readers never heard of the Birmingham, AL based firm, it is the one that Texas A&M hired to keep Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Manziel eligible. It is the same firm that Auburn hired to keep Cam Newton eligible a couple of years before that. Word has it that The Lightfoot Law firm will not come cheap. According to some published reports Auburn's bills totaled \$170,000.00.

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