

## Mr. Gore, you have engaged in the unlicensed practice of law.

By letter dated [6-Nov-2013](#), Lee Gore was advised that his conduct as General Counsel for the University of West Florida constituted the unlawful practice of law.

The committee's letter, dated October 4, 2013, advised that your previous conduct as General Counsel constituted the unlicensed practice of law. As you have now been put on notice of Florida law as it applies to this matter, please govern yourself accordingly and note that the action in this case will not preclude future investigations in the event we receive additional complaints. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The letter further recites that Gore "will no longer be providing legal services to the University, you have advised the [Unlicensed Practice of Law] committee that you will not be filing an application for certification as Authorized House Counsel."

above referenced investigation based on its finding that as of October 31, 2013, you have ceased to perform any duties related to the Office of the General Counsel at the University of West Florida (UWF). As you will not be providing any legal services to the University, you have advised the committee that you will not be filing an application for certification as Authorized House Counsel. The committee will take no further action in this matter.

Source advise usmnews.net that Gore's acknowledgment that he will not seek certification as Authorized House Counsel raises even more questions about the reasons he was not admitted to practice law. These questions are underscored by UWF claims that in February 2013, Gore passed the Florida Bar Examination. As previously reported, others who sat for the bar and passed at the same time, have been licensed for many months.

These questions are underscored by a letter to Gore from the Florida Bar dated 4-Oct-2013. The [4-Oct-2013](#) letter specifically advises Gore that he may file an application for certification as Authorized House Counsel, and if his application is approved, he will be authorized to practice law.

As you have now been put on notice of Florida law, the Committee urges you to consider your options in this matter. Should you decide to file an application for certification as Authorized House Counsel and your application is approved, you will be authorized to provide legal services pursuant to Chapter 17 of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar. If you are certified as Authorized House Counsel and subsequently admitted to practice law in Florida, you may

Why is Gore giving up his job as General Counsel at UWF to take what sources tell usmnews.net amounts to a "make work" job? In fact, some commenters believe that an expiration date has already been affixed to Gore's employment at UWF, much like [Saunders' final days](#) at Southern Miss. As reported by WDAM TV, "[t]he document [termination agreement] states that Saunders shall be employed full-time as a non-tenured professor at Gulf Park and shall report to the USM vice president in charge of the Gulf coast campus." At the time of her "resignation" in April-2012, Saunders was unable to move into a tenured or even tenure-track faculty line. In fact, under the terms of the agreement

Saunders was to remain on the USM faculty through only the 2014-15 academic year, while at worst her time on the USM faculty would end after the 2012-13 academic year.

Stay tuned.