

## **Oops, I forgot to explain why we reprinted [“I’m not going to commit.”](#)**

*The Clarion Ledger* recently reported that “Disbarred lawyer Dickie Scruggs loses appeal, asks to finish out sentence.”

After losing a key appeal, disbarred Mississippi attorney Dickie Scruggs asked to return to federal prison to resume serving out a seven-year prison sentence for trying to illegally influence a judge.

Scruggs, 66, was freed on \$2 million bond in December while he appealed a conviction for improperly influencing then-Hinds County Circuit Judge Bobby DeLaughter...

A three-judge panel from the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected his appeal.

“Scruggs’s recommendation to his senator brother-in-law was a thing of value, at least to DeLaughter. There is abundant testimony regarding the ‘deal’ or ‘arrangement’ that they reached shortly thereafter, and of DeLaughter’s official actions in exchange for the bribe,” the panel wrote.

From our previous reports, we noted that

K.E. “Skip” Hughes II, Director of USM’s School of Accountancy, supported a Naval Service colleague [Scruggs], even if he is a self-admitted felon, convicted by his own words of corrupting the judicial system. “Richard F. Scruggs has admitted to conspiring to bribe Circuit Court Judge Henry L. Lackey.” ([tp://www.legalnewsline.com/content/img/f213805/scruggs\\_memo.pdf](http://www.legalnewsline.com/content/img/f213805/scruggs_memo.pdf) see, page 4.)(Editors note -- link no longer valid)

Skip offered mighty fine words in support of a self-admitted felon, Richard Scruggs, in a Sentencing Memorandum. The purpose was to request the court to be lenient during the sentencing phase after Scruggs’ conviction for conspiring to bribe a Circuit Court Judge. According to Hughes,

In a profession where trust is everything, Dickie [Scruggs] was solid in his word, exemplary in his conduct...

Dickie Scruggs “was solid in his word, exemplary in his conduct.” Ridiculous. Scruggs admitted attempting to bribe a Court Judge! Exactly what does Hughes consider to be “exemplary in [Scruggs’] conduct”? These words are reminiscent of Skip’s language that clearly signals he has no idea what his own words mean, in this instance, what “trust and exemplary conduct” mean. He seems to apply words with a flexibility of feeling, devoid of standards, rules, or ethics. See, <http://www.usmnews.net/USM%20TribalMoralismSeries11-Hughes.pdf>