

The Same Tired Ideas Continue to be a Danger to Unsuspecting Students

University of West Florida recently announced with great fanfare a new education partnership with Stetson University College of Law. Martha Saunders, currently provost at UWF is involved in this partnership, too. She, before being “[canned](#)” as [president](#) of University of Southern Mississippi, set up a [similar partnership](#) program for [USM and Mississippi College School of Law](#).

Her [bag of tricks hasn't changed](#) and her understanding of the market for the graduates of this kind education program remains, to be polite, a condition of ignorance.

The University of West Florida and Stetson University College of Law announced that they are partnering to offer a 3+3 program, starting in August 2015...and shows a real collaborative spirit between our institutions...Stetson is proud to partner with the University of West Florida...and we look forward to another solid partnership that prepares outstanding students for promising futures.”

“This agreement with Stetson University College of Law is a clear example of the great opportunities talented UWF students receive as a result of their good work,” said UWF Provost Martha Saunders, Ph.D. “I look forward to a long and productive relationship.”

Nowhere in the admin-speak is there a discussion of the supply and demand problem that has plagued the legal profession for years and is expected to continue into the foreseeable future. Here's an example from “[The Real Problem with Law Schools: Too Many Lawyers](#).”

A crisis is looming in legal education. Last month, a notable group of legal educators who call themselves the Coalition of Concerned Colleagues released a **letter** declaring that law schools have spewed forth more graduates than the legal market can absorb, resulting in rising unemployment among young lawyers, who cannot pay off colossal student loans.

What responsibility do administrators like Saunders have for failure to educate students about the risks she is advocating? Or is she simply a huckster, selling snake oil and hiding behind caveat emptor?