

## *Special Report Series*

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## **Former CoB Dean in Hot Water Once Again**

### **PART 17**

In light of former CoB dean Harold Doty's litigation history, USMNEWS.net reporters periodically check the courts near where Doty lives and works. Recent documents [obtained from](#) the Smith County, Texas Court Clerk, indicate that Doty is once again likely headed back to court, this time in his capacity as [dean of business](#) at the University of Texas–Tyler. These documents indicate that former UT-T business student advisor, Karen St. John, is suing UT-T for harm caused by [actions largely taken](#) by Doty vis-à-vis St. John's employment. In late fall of 2011, St. John's husband, Jeremy St. John, another former member of UT-T's business school, joined her cause as co-plaintiff in the case against UT-T. This is Part 17 in a series of news stories about this developing situation.

When Plaintiffs were forced to relocate their family to another town to obtain employment in August of 2011, and before Dr. St. John had received a contract with his current employer, Texas A&M Commerce, Kathy Compton in HR at Texas A&M Commerce faxed a state service verification form to Defendant to verify his employment history and length of state service. UT Tyler's HR Benefits Manager, Lynne Bandy, refused to verify Dr. St. John's employment history and service to Texas A&M Commerce when requested. Plaintiffs' mortgage company also called Lynn Bandy during the loan application process for a new home, and reported that they were unable to get all the information they needed for verification purposes. Dr. St. John was able to retrieve the state service information himself and personally sent it to Kathy Compton at Texas A&M Commerce, who commented that she had never before seen a University not respond to a state service request and noted that Defendant could get in trouble for not furnishing the requested information.

As installments 1-16 of this series indicate, Doty sought to harangue the St. Johns until they departed UT-T. Doty's plan succeeded in Aug-2011, when Jeremy St. John accepted a faculty position with Texas A&M University-Commerce. However, when St. John's new employer attempted to verify his prior service with UT-T, “. . . UT-Tyler's HR Benefits Manager, Lynne Bandy, refused to verify [his] employment history and service . . .” to TAMU-Commerce officials. Bandy is pictured below.



*Lynne Bandy*

One might wonder why someone in Bandy's position at UT-T would get involved in the mobbing of Jeremy St. John, as Bandy did in Aug-2011 by refusing to provide TAMU-Commerce with St. John's employment history/service. Yet Bandy did (refuse), not only to TAMU-Commerce officials, but also to the St. Johns' mortgage company when it attempted to secure St. John's UT-T employment history after the couple applied for a mortgage. Bandy's behavior was so uncommon that a TAMU-Commerce human resources official remarked that "... she had never before seen a University not respond to a state service request . . ." as Bandy had done in Aug-2011 and thereafter. The TAMU-Commerce official further noted that UT-T officials - UT-T president Rod Mabry and UT-T human resources director Joe Vorsas - could find themselves in hot water for such behavior. Of course, long-time readers of USMNEWS.net will recognize Vorsas as a key figure in UT-T's mobbing of the St. Johns. His participation shines light on why Bandy would become involved in such a controversial situation.

In August of 2011, Lynn Bandy called the St. John residence and told Karen St. John that Defendant "refused and will continue to refuse to release the information needed by the mortgage company and Texas A&M Commerce until Dr. St. John sends in his resignation". The same day of this unethical retaliatory action, the mortgage company called Plaintiffs to inform Dr. St. John that they were not able to get all of the requested information from Defendant and that the Plaintiffs' mortgage was held up and flagged for audit. After hearing this, Dr. St. John sent Lynn Bandy an e-mail complaining about the situation and days later Bandy told Dr. St. John that she had in fact given the information, which is in direct opposition to what she told Karen St. John.

The final insert for this installment just above shows that Bandy's involvement devolved into some even more bizarre behavior. In Aug-2011, Bandy went on the offensive by calling the St. John's residence and informing Karen St. John that UT-T has refused and would continue to refuse TAMU-Commerce's requests for Jeremy St. John's UT-T employment records. The St. John's mortgage company verified Bandy's threat by informing Jeremy St. John that it had not been able to secure his UT-T employment records, thus causing his mortgage to be "held up" and "flagged for audit," further complicating the St. John's move to Commerce. Interestingly, when Jeremy St. John informed Bandy that his mortgage company had initiated an audit, Bandy informed him that his employment records had been appropriately forwarded.