

## **“Virginia Tech Danger!” Part 12**

We conclude this series taken from “*Virginia Tech Danger!*” *Echoes of Mississippi Supremacists at the University of Southern Mississippi* by Chauncey M. DePree, Jr., DBA, a longtime professor at USM. [If you’ve missed [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), [Part 3](#), [Part 4](#), [Part 5](#), [Part 6](#), [Part 7](#), [Part 8](#), [Part 9](#), [Part 10](#), or [Part 11](#) they’re reported below.]

### **Conclusion**

We should consider mobbing behavior in a larger context. What in our environment makes this kind of expensive mobbing possible? Let me offer a few ideas. Sovereign immunity gave *carte blanche* to Saunders to embark on a very expensive and incompetent mobbing. Without sovereign immunity, she and her attorneys would have done elementary due diligence. She would have been forced to educate her subordinate incompetent mobbers. Or consider, if she and the other mobbers had to use their own money to pay to litigate their incompetent approach to fire me, they never would have followed through with their mobbing.

USM administrators, like then-President Martha Saunders, learned the hard way that mobbing is senseless: she had recklessly supported incompetent accounting faculty and College of Business administrators. On faith, without asking relevant questions like any lawyer, including her lawyers, for that matter, could have discovered, as my lawyer discovered during depositions, that Munn, Anderson, Williams, Pate, Jordan, Jackson, and Posey were incompetent or lying, or both. Instead, Saunders forced me and my attorneys to do the job she should have done and done without spending better than two and a half million dollars of student and taxpayer money.

The proof of her incompetence, the short version: I’m still a tenured full professor at USM drawing full salary and benefits. [I recently retired in June 2013.]

Here’s another dose of reality Saunders *et al.* didn’t reckon on. I refused a confidentiality agreement with the mobbers. That means you have an opportunity—a front row seat—available so infrequently. You may never again read such details of well-documented misconduct of mob behavior by a small group of faculty and administrators.

The mobbers goals were to shut down USMNews.net website and to silence me. That is all too obvious from the sworn depositions. So much for USM's public declaration that it "cherishes the free exchange of ideas, diversity of thought..." And don't credit the courts for preserving my 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment freedom of speech. They have so perverted what constitutes freedom of speech that it hardly exists. Nevertheless, I won the litigation against the mobbers and I am still a tenured full professor at USM and paid my full salary and benefits. The credit goes to my attorneys. They pounded the mobbers and administrators into submission.