

Guest Editorial

When will Anderson and Jackson Go? And will Gwen Pate be far behind?

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In a report a several weeks ago, usmnews.net asked [what happened](#) to Charles Jordan, Patty Munn, and Rod Posey? They were faculty at the School of Accountancy, College of Business, University of Southern Mississippi. They simply didn't continue their employment at USM last June 2013. And there were no administrative pronouncements thanking them for their decades of service. ***Very unusual.***

We wondered about why they were gone:

USM administrators or its "leaders" at the IHL sometimes show miscreants the exit—the "[backdoor](#)"—[quietly](#), without [fanfare](#). They do [behind the scenes](#) discipline rather than be tainted by [openly recognizing](#) the misconduct. We've seen [it many times over the years](#).

Is it possible IHL "leaders" or USM administrators actually read the depositions of Posey, Munn, and Jordan in re DePree v. USM and noticed the obvious? That Posey, Munn, and Jordan were not telling the truth, and by doing so corrupted University rules and Mississippi law to unjustly punish a colleague for revealing their bad behavior that undermined the integrity of USM?

Perhaps they just quietly retired. However, as usmnews.net previously reported USM administrators and IHL members, [conceal](#) what they do. That being the case, is it possible they couldn't "let go" of Jordan, Munn, Posey, Mary Anderson, Stephen Jackson, and Gwen Pate all at once because that would have very publicly evidenced the motive behind their behavior. That they knew Munn's cabal of miscreants did indeed entangle USM in multi-million dollar litigation on the basis of lies. Lies they created to unjustly punish a colleague for revealing their misconduct and bad behavior.

Can we expect not only Mary Anderson and Stephen Jackson but also Gwen Pate to leave quietly and soon without fanfare?

Shared sympathy among administrators may delay Pate's departure for a few months, but either way, this writer's bet -- Mary Anderson, Stephen Jackson, and Gwen Pate will disappear in the next year or so.