

## **Does President Saunders Have Respect for Students or Truth?**

How often do students, faculty, and local citizens witness the circus-like fanfare announcements made by USM with regard to new programs or initiatives? Very rarely, if ever, are there follow-up corrections. Maybe because the decisions underlying the circus fanfare were good only for a superficial, uncritical, “Gee, that sounds wonderful.” And mission accomplished, readers are left with a warm, fuzzy feeling.

Let’s revisit a circus-like send off of an initiative from President Saunders. Recently, the [Hattiesburg American](#) (link is no longer active; archive link provided) reported, “A unique partnership between the University of Southern Mississippi and Mississippi College School of Law will enable undergraduates to obtain their Bachelor of Arts degree from Southern Miss after one year of study in the MC Law program.”

usmnews.net’s report about the joint USM/MC School of Law degree asked, Will USM and MC School of Law mislead students about job prospects upon completion of USM/MC School of Law program? Will they provide complete information to students with regard to their job prospects? To date, no disclosure – full or other wise – has come from USM or MC School of Law.

Here’s the kind of warning that should be included with any advertisements offered to prospective students of USM/MC School of Law joint program:

### **Legal Field Is Nation’s Most Difficult Industry for Job Placement, Employment Website Says**

An [employment website](#) has more bad news for unemployed lawyers. Its data shows the legal field is the most difficult industry for job placement.

According to data from job search engine SimplyHired.com, there is less than one job opening for every 100 working lawyers, making it the career that is most difficult for job placement, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (sub. req.) reports.

Downside risks should be given as much fanfare disclosure as the original rah-rah announcements, if President Saunders has respect for potential students of the USM/MC School of Law joint program or the truth. So, does she have respect for students or truth?