



Legal Affairs & General Counsel

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Via email: barrowr@legis.la.gov
Senator Regina Ashford Barrow
4811 Harding Boulevard
Baton Rouge, LA 70811

Re: *Lewis v. Board of Supervisors, et al.*

Dear Senator Barrow:

As you are aware, an employee within the LSU athletics department has announced to the media that she intends to file a lawsuit today against LSU and several other individuals and entities associated with LSU based upon facts disclosed in our recent Title IX investigation and report. Regrettably, in light of this threatened litigation, it would not be prudent for persons associated with LSU to provide testimony under oath at the senate committee meeting scheduled tomorrow.

Ms. Sharon Lewis has announced that she intends to pursue claims against LSU for discrimination, Title IX retaliation, and civil RICO violations. (See, <https://www.wafb.com/2021/04/06/report-lsu-football-employee-filing-multiple-lawsuits-against-university-claims-years-harassment/>) The facts underlying these claims are the same facts that the committee has been questioning LSU representatives about during the last two hearings.

We hope that you and the committee understand that the university has attempted to be as cooperative as possible by providing unprecedented information in its recent internal investigation and almost fourteen hours of testimony in the two prior hearings. However, at this time, I must advise my client to take all prudent steps to defend these legal claims. Allowing persons who will inevitably be witnesses in to testify under oath on facts related to these claims, is simply not a prudent risk.

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Thank you for your understanding and please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Winston DeCuir, Jr.", is placed over a light blue rectangular background.

Winston DeCuir, Jr.
Vice President Legal Affairs &
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