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Statement of Charlie Roberts regarding recently filed lawsuit

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Regretfully, I have also been blind sided by the scurrilous allegations which have been made in a lawsuit against me and my employer. The allegations of an agreement to pay the plaintiff beyond the settlement she reached with her employer are all false. The allegations of a breach of the non-existent agreement to pay her beyond the settlement she voluntarily entered are all false.

Last Wednesday, July 30, 2014, was the very first time I was contacted by the plaintiff or her attorney regarding the allegations and the attorney demanded that I pay \$192,000.00 to his client and further stated that "this offer is non-negotiable and revoked if not accepted in writing by this Friday, August 1, 2014 at 2:00 p.m." This was 48 hours after the first advice of the potential claim. The demand went further to say that the amount had to be "fully paid by the following Friday, August 8, 2014 by noon CST."

And, as if that demand was not high-handed enough, on the following day, July 31, 2014, the attorney sent another demand with a draft of the Petition attached stating that the Petition would "be filed at the end of the day today if I do not hear from you. My client has instructed me to push up the deadline for responding to her offer to 5:00 p.m. today." Therefore, I was given 24 hours to agree to pay \$192,000.00 or else the scandalous demands would be published. Needless to say, I did not agree nor did I pay the outrageous demand.

I have met with or spoken to numerous officials with the Alumni Association and LSU since last week about this matter. I invite and will cooperate with any investigation into the allegations by the Association or LSU.

I have retained the services of Mary Olive Pierson as my legal counsel. She has assured me that we will vigorously defend the allegations and we are confident that I will be exonerated at the conclusion of the matter and the case will be dismissed at the cost of the plaintiff.

Because this matter will now proceed through the legal system and litigation, I will not have any future public comments and all questions should be directed to Ms. Pierson for appropriate response.

Thank you.

Charles Roberts